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A sign, located on the South Pier in St. Joseph, warns visitors the dangers of walking along the pier during hazardous weather conditions. The city of South Haven is considering ways to increase the public awareness of such dangers after recent drownings.

South Haven mulls pier, beach safety

Difficult summer leaves council looking for answers

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

Signage on the North Pier in St. Joseph illustrates people who have lost their lives while visiting the pier during rough weather conditions.

SOUTH HAVEN — In the wake of the third drowning death of the season in Lake Michigan off South Haven's North and South beaches, along with more than a half-dozen water rescues this summer, South Haven officials are considering if there is more they can do to promote the safety of swimmers at municipal beaches during hazardous weather conditions.

"Folks are wondering whether the city needs to take on more duties," Interim City Manager Kate Hosier said this week, speaking with city council members. "I'll be bringing that up in successive meetings."

Her comments come after two swimmers from Jackson got caught up Sunday in heavy waves near the swimming buoys about 100 yards off of South Beach. First responders were able to rescue a 19-year-old man, but the other swimmer, 18, went under and crews are still searching for his body. Police have not released the victim's name.

Two of the drowning deaths this year occurred off of South Beach, while the other occurred off of North Beach. Two of the drownings occurred while red warning flags were flying, indicating that swimmers should stay out of the water. Compounding the problem this summer has been the number of people who strolled along the South and North Piers even though waves regularly wash over the structures due to historically high lake water levels. Several people have been swept off the piers and were fortunate to be rescued by good Samaritans or first responders from South Haven Police Department or South Haven Area Emergency Services.

"The city has the duty of care for the beach and its property. We can bar the public from entering the

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Trump campaigns in battleground Michigan

By JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

Evan Vucci / AP

President Donald Trump waves as he arrives for a campaign rally at MBS International Airport in Freeland on Thursday.

FREELAND — Reeling from another crisis of his own making, President Donald Trump tried to refocus attention on his Democratic rival at a rally in battleground Michigan Thursday as he pushed to move past revelations that he purposefully played down the danger of the coronavirus last winter.

But the virus controversy followed him as he faced new pushback from local officials worried about the growing size of his rallies and his campaign's repeated flouting of public health guidelines intended to halt the COVID-19 spread. That includes Michigan's Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who raised alarms about Thursday's event, warning it would make recovery harder.

Trump, however, reveled in the crowd of several thousand, packed shoulder-to-shoulder in a cavernous airport hangar, mostly without masks – with Air Force One on display as his backdrop.

"This is not the crowd of a person who comes in second place," Trump declared to cheers as he railed against Whitmer for current state restrictions.

"Tell your governor to open up your state!" he demanded, saying the state would be better if it "had a governor who knew what the hell she was doing."

Before departing the White House, Trump denied he had lied to the nation as he continued to grapple with fallout

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Berrien gets CARES Act money instead of revenue sharing

Restrictions on how money can be spent is an issue

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County commissioners heard good and bad news Thursday concerning the state's efforts to fill a budget hole caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The good news is that on Aug. 31, the county received almost $1.4 million from the state's Coronavirus Relief Local Government Grants fund, which is federal money from the CARES Act.

The bad news is that the money replaces the county's August revenue sharing payment, which was expected to be $891,537. Since the CARES Act money can only be spent on coronavirus activities, this leaves a potential hole in the county's general fund budget to pay for other things.

Douglas James, financial services director for the county, spoke to commissioners during the finance committee meeting, which meets before the county board's regular weekly meeting.

"Yes, there were plans to spend the revenue sharing funds for something other than coronavirus relief, but this is what they did and so we have to try to deal with the cards that have been dealt to us," he said.

Administrator Brian Dissette said that the county's hole will be partially filled because they have tracked $490,865 that has been spent on coronavirus activities since a state of emergency was declared mid-March. He said that the money from the CARES Act can be used to reimburse the general fund for those expenses.

"This is less than ideal, but it's far from a bad situation," Dissette said.

Commissioners approved creating a CARES Act line item in the county budget to better track the money and how it is spent. Dissette said the county expects to add more money to that line item as the state releases money for two other CARES Act programs that pay

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Southwest Michigan economy doing 'better than expected'

Analysts tout shrinking unemployment rate, warn of setback in early 2021

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Job growth has rebounded faster in Southwest Michigan than what was forecasted over the summer.

During a media roundtable session Thursday, Kinexus Group representatives broke down some of the job sectors and unemployment numbers the region has seen, six months into the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jake Gustafson, Kinexus chief operating officer, said Michigan as a whole has been performing very well, compared to what was anticipated. He said Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties have also done well in rebounding from an astronomical unemployment rate.

"We went from mid-13 percent unemployment to a high 9 percent unemployment," Gustafson said in reference to Berrien County.

Berrien posted a 9.9 percent unemployment rate in July, compared to a 5 percent rate in July 2019. However, this was a big rebound from when the county posted a 13.8 percent jobless rate in June.

Cass County had a 10 percent unemployment rate in July, a 3 percent drop from June, and Van Buren County posted a 8.8 percent jobless rate, a 3.8 percent reduction from June.

The Southwest Michigan region as a whole – combining all three counties – dipped below double-digits by posting a 9.6 percent unemployment rate.

Gustafson said this turnaround occurred sooner than expected.

"We thought we would be riding out double-digit unemployment through at least the end of 2020," he said.

"If we were to put our crystal ball cap on, we believe we'll have at least one more month of incremental growth or positive gains, and maybe sneak down to 8 percent (unemployment)."

Al Pscholka, Kinexus vice president of public relations and government affairs, said another positive to take away heading into the final leg of 2020 is that the local workforce hasn't declined.

He said it can be harder on a region to climb out of an economic downturn if its workforce leaves. However, Kinexus has yet to see any of these

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In a year of restrictions, virus changes Sept. 11, too

By JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a year when the coronavirus pandemic has reshaped countless American rituals, even the commemoration of 9/11 could not escape unchanged.

The 19th anniversary of the terror attacks will be marked by dueling ceremonies at the Sept. 11 memorial plaza and a corner near the World Trade Center, reflecting a divide over the memorial's decision to suspend a cherished tradition of relatives reading victims' names in person. Vice President Mike Pence is expected at both those remembrances in New York, and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden at the observance on the memorial plaza.

President Donald Trump and Biden both plan to go to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania – at different times. Trump is speaking at a morning ceremony, with Biden paying respects in the afternoon.

In New York, the double beams of light that evoke the fallen twin towers were nearly canceled in the name of virus safety, until an uproar restored the tribute. The Fire Department has cited the virus in urging members to skip observances of the 2001 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people, among them almost 350 firefighters.

Some victims' relatives say they understand the ground zero observance had to change in a year when so much else has. Others fear the pandemic is making plain what they have feared was happening unspoken: that the commitment to "Never Forget" is fading.

"It's another smack in the face," says Jim Riches, who lost his son Jimmy, a firefighter.

The father is staying home on the anniversary for the first time this year because he doesn't want to take chances with the coronavirus after a prior illness. But he feels others should have the option of reciting the names of the dead on the memorial plaza, instead of listening to a recording.

Memorial leaders said they wanted to avoid close contact among readers, who are usually paired at the podium. But to Riches, a retired fire battalion chief and frequent critic of the memorial organization, the decision sounds like an excuse for sidelining the families' role in commemorating 9/11.

"I wish they wouldn't forget, but they're trying to," he says.

But Anthoula Katsimatides sees the differences this year as an effort to ensure victims' relatives feel comfortable attending – including her mother, who hasn't left home since March because health issues make her especially worried about the virus. But she is determined to go in honor of her son John, a bond trader, her daughter said.

LOTTERIES

Thursday drawings

Michigan
Midday Daily 3
3-8-7
Midday Daily 4
7-1-5-9
Daily 3
7-2-9
Daily 4
1-4-0-7
Fantasy 5
04-12-29-30-34
Keno
04-05-08-13-15-18-22-24-26-27-37-40-43-55-60-61-65-66-70-75-79-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$108 million
Powerball jackpot
$85 million

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
27-52-55-60-64, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
13-23-27-31-41
Cash4Life
07-15-32-52-59, Cash Ball: 2
Lotto Plus
01-02-03-07-21-45
Quick Draw Midday
01-05-09-11-12-13-14-19-32-33-39-41-42-44-47-52-61-63-74-75, BE: 14
Daily Three-Midday
0-8-2, SB: 4
Daily Three-Evening
6-8-9, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
9-3-8-5, SB: 4
Daily Four-Evening
2-3-4-7, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
01-02-09-12-17-26-29-30-35-37-45-48-58-62-65-67-68-70-74-75, BE: 29
Hoosier Lotto
03-04-26-29-37-39
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
07-22-29-35-42
Pick Three-Midday
1-0-5, Fireball: 3
Pick Three-Evening
3-3-4, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Midday
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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., center, approaches the microphones accompanied by, from left, Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., and Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind., at the start of a news conference on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

Virus bill blocked in Senate as prospects dim for new relief

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., speaks during a news conference at the Capitol on Thursday.

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats scuttled a scaled-back GOP coronavirus rescue package on Thursday as the parties argued to a standstill over the size and scope of the aid, likely ending hopes for coronavirus relief before the November election.

The mostly party-line vote capped weeks of wrangling that gave way to election-season political combat and name-calling over a fifth relief bill that all sides say they want but are unable to deliver. The bipartisan spirit that powered earlier aid measures is all but gone.

Democrats said the measure shortchanged too many pressing needs. Republicans argued it was targeted to areas of widespread agreement, but the 52-47 vote fell well short of what was needed to overcome a filibuster. All the present Democrats opposed it, while conservative Rand Paul, R-Ky., cast the only GOP "nay" vote. The Democratic vice presidential nominee, Kamala Harris, was campaigning in Miami and missed the vote.

"It's a sort of a dead end street, and very unfortunate," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan. "But it is what it is."

The $650 billion measure is significantly smaller than legislation promoted by Republican leaders this summer. But that version was too big for most conservatives, so the GOP bill was instead stripped back to focus on school aid, jobless benefits and help for small businesses. That maximized Republican support even as it alienated Democrats, who say such a piecemeal approach would leave out far too many vulnerable people.

The result was a predictable impasse and partisan tit-for tat as the congressional session limps to its pre-election close. The panicked atmosphere that drove passage of the $2 trillion landmark CARES Act in March has dissipated as the nation powers through the pandemic with partial reopenings of businesses and schools, though the economy lags and the virus continues to badly disrupt life in the U.S.

It's becoming plain that all Congress will do before the Nov. 3 election is pass legislation to avert a government shutdown. The outcome of the election promises to have an outsize impact on what might be possible in a post-election lame-duck session, with Democrats sure to press for a better deal if Democrat Joe Biden unseats President Donald Trump.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., predicted that Thursday's GOP defeat would prompt Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., back to the negotiating table, as an earlier filibuster in March helped make the $2 trillion rescue bill more generous.

"But (Thursday's) bill is not going to happen because it is so emaciated, so filled with poison pills, so partisanly designed," Schumer said.

McConnell crafted the measure to permit his GOP colleagues to go on record in favor of popular provisions such as another round of "paycheck protection" help for smaller businesses, help for schools to reopen and supplemental jobless benefits. He again blasted Democrats on Thursday, saying they are still pushing a liberal wish list and are willing to scuttle provisions with widespread backing to deny Trump a victory.

"Today every senator will either say they want to send families the relief we can agree to or they can send families nothing," McConnell said.

There's no indication yet that bipartisan talks that crumbled last month will restart. Top lawmakers and aides offered glum assessments both publicly and privately.

Veteran Iowa Republican Chuck Grassley said it's "sad" there will be no virus aid deal, though he also said the outlook for the economy may not be as bleak as he once thought.

"If you'd asked me, two or three weeks ago I'd say very, very negative," Grassley said. But with the job market improving and "the whole world kind of getting out of this pandemic, depression, we're in" Grassley said, there's "a lot less of an impact than I would have thought two weeks ago."

The stalemate is politically risky for all sides heading into the fall election, and both sides accused the other of acting primarily with political calculations in mind. Democrats said GOP senators need to "check a box" and vote on any kind of relief bill before exiting Washington to campaign while Republicans said Democrats were intent on denying Republicans a political win.

"What is of overwhelming importance to Democrats is keeping coronavirus alive as a political issue," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D. "They'd rather have no bill, zero funding and a political weapon than have a bill and allow Republicans to say that we helped Americans."

All that's left – barring a breakthrough that looks unlikely now – is to pass a government-wide short-term spending measure that would avert a shutdown at month's end and set up a postelection lame-duck session to deal with any unfinished Capitol Hill legislation, which could include coronavirus relief.

The scaled-back GOP virus plan is roughly one-seventh the size of a whopping Democratic package that passed the house in May and about one-fourth of the $2.2 trillion set by Pelosi last month. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin mentioned a $1.5 trillion figure in testimony last week.

Scarcity of raw material still squeezes N95 mask makers

By MARTHA MENDOZA, JULIET LINDERMAN, THOMAS PEIPERT and IRENA HWANG
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — White House officials say U.S. hospitals have all the medical supplies needed to battle the deadly virus, but frontline workers, hospital officials and even the Food and Drug Administration say that's not the case.

Shortfalls of medical N95 respirators – commonly referred to as N95 masks – and other gear started in March, when the pandemic hit New York. Pressure on the medical supply chain continues today, and in "many ways things have only gotten worse," the American Medical Association president, Dr. Susan Bailey, said in a recent statement.

"N95s are still in a shortage," said Mike Schiller, the American Hospital Association's senior director for supply chains. "It's certainly not anywhere near pre-COVID levels."

Behind the bottleneck is a scarcity of the crucial component inside the masks: meltblown textile.

The Associated Press has found the White House failed early in the pandemic to heed stark warnings of looming shortages and took months to sign contracts with companies that make the meltblown material. Even today, manufacturers say the Trump administration hasn't made the necessary long-term investments they need to meet the soaring demand.

Meanwhile, the administration allowed meltblown exports to slip out of the country as health care workers switched to reusing masks – a practice considered dangerous before the pandemic began.

Manufacturers say they risk significant losses if they invest millions in machinery, raw materials, new employees and factory space to churn out a product projected to have a short-lived demand, without assurances that the government will continue to buy their meltblown textile after the need for N95s recedes post-pandemic.

"I'm not going to sit here and tell you that we're going to guarantee purchases in 2021 or whatever date you pick," said Rear Adm. John Polowczyk, who heads the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force. He denies there are shortages.

N95 manufacturers say they're designed for single-use, to be thrown out after each patient. But due to shortages, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention instructed health care providers to reuse them. Because of this shift in usage, it's hard to accurately estimate the severity of the shortages of medical-grade masks and gowns.

White House trade adviser Peter Navarro disputes reports of shortages. In an August interview, he said his office responds daily to news stories of ill-equipped medical providers, sending supplies as needed.

"We have what we need to get to people what they need," he said.

But today, hospital administrators say they can't get as many masks as they want, and the FDA included N95s on its most recent medical supply shortage list.

Mike Clark, a division president at Hollingsworth and Vose of East Walpole, Massachusetts, said his company has tripled production of meltblown by ramping up and exiting other markets. But he and other makers have reservations about investing significant sums of their own money.

After the H1N1 epidemic in 2009, Hollingsworth and Vose purchased a new meltblown machine, but the demand for N95s plummeted when the virus dissipated, Clark said. The company received a government contract for $1.9 million to produce an additional 27.5 million N95 masks, but it doesn't include long-term purchase guarantees.

"It's half the problem solved," Clark said.

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Inter loan librarian Sarah Zepik works the front desk on Thursday at the new Arthur & Bonna Vanderlyn Community Center and Hartford Public Library, near downtown Hartford.

Hartford's new community center, library now open

Facility replaces 95-year-old library

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

HARTFORD — The Hartford Public Library's 95-year run at 15 Franklin St. came to an end this week as the community staple opened in its new home at 12 Church St.

The Arthur & Bonna Vanderlyn Community Center and Hartford Public Library is now open to the public.

"This is just the greatest facility," Library Director Stephanie Daniels said Thursday. "This would not have been possible if it hadn't have been for Bonna Vanderlyn."

Vanderlyn, who died in May, funded $1.3 million of the $2 million project, while grants and donations covered the rest.

An old charcoal portrait of her with her husband, Arthur, will soon be hung in a place of prominence in the space.

The community center and public library sits on the site of the former Red Arrow Elementary School.

When Vanderlyn pledged the funds in 2017, the idea was to renovate the school into a community center. When the project was combined with the idea of a new library, the Hartford Library Board decided demolishing the school building and starting anew was more cost-effective.

Outside of the circulation desk and shelves of books, the new building includes a floor-to-ceiling fireplace, a computer lab, a Makers Space, a hospitality area and a study room.

A teen room includes young adult books, chairs with USB ports in them for charging devices, and a table with a dry erase board on the top.

The children's room is entitled the Pokagon Children's Learning Center, because it is sponsored by the Pokagon Fund.

It includes all the library's children's books, a touch screen table that sanitizes itself, touch screen computers for literacy learning, Legos of all sizes, a doll house, a coloring table, and a story-telling area.

"I think the community will really utilize this space. We've had so many children in the children's room already. Parents and families taking advantage of all the things children can do," Daniels said.

She pointed out that there's a special detail in the children's area in the form of several wooden bears.

"Bonna Vanderlyn loved bears, and so these are some of the bears that she owned and were in her house," she said.

In addition, the Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society has its own genealogy and history room in the building. The door to this room is special because it was brought from the old library building and installed in a custom door frame. The room will open to the public on Oct. 1.

Daniels said some meetings have already been held in the meeting rooms of the building and they will serve as a polling place in the upcoming November election.

The rooms can be be two small rooms or one large one by moving a partition. In addition, giant doors between the meeting room space and the main library can close and lock to allow for after-hours meetings with a separate entrance.

Daniels said landscaping around the building is still a work in progress, but the library has teamed up with the Van Buren Conservation District to turn an acre of land to the south of the building into a natural habitat with native Michigan wildflowers.

"It's a combination learning experience for children and conservation," she said.

Daniels said some of the library programming has been put on hold until it can be done safely post-pandemic, but she's just happy they're able to be open.

Ground was broken last October with an expected project completion date at the end of June. The pandemic pushed that into August.

But Daniels said she didn't mind the extra time to pack.

"The library had been in that building since 1925," she said. "There was so much in there when we went to packing. It was incredible."

The new space sits at 8,900 square feet. The old building was 4,000 square feet with the public having access to only about 2,500 of it.

"We get to have all of our books out here," Daniels said. "There's none put away except some doubles."

She said the old building is being sold and will most likely be turned back into a residence, because it is zoned residential.

Daniels said a dedication for the community center and library is scheduled for Oct. 18.

"It's really turned out better than I expected," she said. "Everyone loves it and they're just so proud of this building. It's a dream come true for me too."

For library hours, visit www.hartfordpl.michlibrary.org.

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Stevensville receives clean audit

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — The Village of Stevensville is in excellent financial health, Aaron Stevens from Maner Costerisan, a CPA firm, told trustees Wednesday.

He said that the village's $774,543 general fund balance is 140 percent of its annual expenditures of $475,762.

"That's a solid financial condition," he said during his report on the village's audit. "For some perspective here, the Government Finance Officers Association recommends that you maintain a minimum fund balance that is equal to two months of normal operations."

He said that would be about 17 percent of annual expenditures.

"You're at 140, so you're in excellent shape financially," he said.

Stevens said that the village's fund balance has increased steadily over the past few years. In 2016, he said the fund balance was at 57 percent of annual expenditures.

The only problem he noted in the audit was the lack of segregation of duties, which is a problem when the staff is so small.

"You have problems segregating duties when you have only two people in the office," he said.

Trustees also plan to meet with members of the Grand Mere Rifle & Pistol Gun Club later this month to discuss noise complaints they've received. The club is at 5386 Ridge Road and is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

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Teenager shot 4 times in drive-by shooting

By HP STAFF

BENTON TOWNSHIP — A teenager from Benton Township survived four gunshot wounds early Thursday morning in what police describe as a drive-by shooting, according to a Benton Township Police Department news release.

The victim, 17, told police he was driving south on M-139 near East Empire Avenue when a white car, occupied by four men, "pulled up along side of him and started shooting," according to police.

The shooting occurred around 1:45 a.m.

Police said the victim drove himself to Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. None of the wounds is considered life-threatening.

Police added that no further information is available at this time and that the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Benton Township Police Department at 925-1135, or Crime Stoppers at (574) 288-STOP.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Larceny

Carl G. Curtis, 43, of Kalamazoo, 180 days in jail, credit for 24 days served, $198 in costs and $195 in restitution for attempted larceny in a building, stealing cash, checks and gift certificates Jan. 3 from the Shear Design Salon in Coloma Township; and a concurrent term of 30 days, credit for 6 days served, for failure to appear in court.

Fraud

Marcus D. Jones, 65, of Broadway Avenue, Benton Harbor, 1-10 years in prison, credit for 50 days served, $198 in costs and $229 in restitution for first-degree retail fraud May 4 at Meijer in Benton Township; and a concurrent term of 1-10 years, $198 in costs and $240 in restitution for first-degree retail fraud between April 24 and May 24 at Lowe's in Benton Township. Jones was sentenced as a habitual offender.

Tampering with tether

Antwan D. Clark, 34, of Ogden Street, Benton Harbor, 366 days to 2 years in jail and $198 in costs for tampering with an electronic device, cutting off a jail tether, June 6, 2019, in Benton Township; and a concurrent term of 366 days to 2 years and $198 in costs for assaulting, resisting and obstructing Michigan State Police Trooper Matt Okaiye June 8, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Wendell D. Meeks Jr., 38, of Concord Street, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail for tampering with an electronic device, cutting off a jail tether, March 14 in Benton Harbor.

Drugs

Kitty F. Snow, 43, of Midlothian, Texas, 7 days in jail, credit for 7 days served, $1,438 in fines and costs, 18 months probation and driver's license suspended for 1 year for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, July 7, in Benton Township.

Niles

Assault

John R. Smith Jr., 37, of South Street, Niles, 19 months to 5 years in prison, credit for 49 days served, and $198 in costs for domestic violence, third offense, an assault on a woman, May 8 in Niles Township.

Weapons violation

Steven D. Hammons, 26, of 48th Street, Bangor, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $598 in fines and costs, $2,847 in restitution, 120 days on tether and 2 years probation for possession of a firearm by a felon March 19 in Buchanan Township.

IN BRIEF

Roadwork set to begin next week on CR 388

SOUTH HAVEN — Work is set to begin next week to repave a section of County Road 388 in South Haven and Geneva townships.

The 4.5-mile section is from County Road 689 in South Haven Township to 62nd Street in Geneva Township.

Milling is scheduled to begin Sept. 16 and will take 3-4 days to complete, weather permitting, according to a news release from the Van Buren County Road Commission. Once that is finished, paving will begin. The road commission estimates it will begin Sept. 21 and take 3-4 days to complete, weather permitting.

The road commission does not plan to set up detours.. Flagging operations, however, will be in place to keep traffic open and moving. So there may be minor delays.

Once the repaving of CR 388 between CR 689 and 62nd Street is complete, the road commission plans to turn its attention to improving a second section of the road from Grand Junction to the Bloomingdale Township line. However, a start date for the project has not yet been announced.

COVID-19 numbers hold steady

Berrien County added 10 new COVID-19 cases and seven recoveries Thursday.

No new deaths were recorded.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 81 active COVID-19 cases, that's up from about 65 last Thursday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating nine COVID-19 patients as of Thursday morning. That's up from eight on Wednesday and eight last Thursday.

Van Buren County recorded four new cases Thursday, while Cass County recorded three.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department will release an updated tally of recovered individuals today at https://vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

Michigan's top court wants more briefs on governor's powers

LANSING (AP) — The Michigan Supreme Court wants more information after listening to hours of arguments over Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's sweeping use of authority during the coronavirus pandemic.

The court told the parties to file briefs on key portions of a 1945 law that Whitmer has cited to declare an emergency and set restrictions on everyday life to control the spread of the virus, which has killed more than 6,500 residents.

Critics argue that the law from the World War II era was intended to restore order in certain areas of the state during times of riots and civil unrest, not during a pandemic.

The Supreme Court ordered lawyers to address by Sept. 16 whether "public safety" in the law "encompasses 'public health' events such as epidemics." The court also wants input about how the law fits in the context of public health. The law doesn't include the word "health."

The order came after the court listened to arguments Wednesday.

Republicans who control the Legislature argue that Whitmer, a Democrat, should consult with them when considering whether to extend emergencies, under a 1976 law.

Movie premiere, chili cook-off is Saturday

THREE OAKS — The New Troy community will gather at 7 p.m. Saturday for a night of food and entertainment.

The Friends of New Troy will host an outdoor chili cook-off, live music and a movie premiere for "Claim to Fame" at the New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road.

The event was originally planned as a 15th anniversary for the Friends, but was canceled in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mesa Luna, Greenbush Brewing, The Peasant's Pantry, Metal Munchiez and one anonymous restaurant will compete in the chili cook-off.

"Claim to Fame" is Terry Hanover's third local history documentary. It provides a look into the lives of people in and around New Troy in the 1800s, brought to life by readings, remembrances from pioneers, photos and an original soundtrack by musicians from the Three Oaks School of American Music.

SAM instructor Garth Taylor and his students created the melody to accompany lyrics written in the 1870s about the Center of the World General Store.

Taylor and Tara Dodge will perform in the gazebo during the chili sampling.

Masks – required when not seated – will be available for those who don't have one, along with plenty of hand sanitizer. Access to the Community Center will be limited to restrooms and for safe passage to the Gazebo Garden for those who have difficulty walking on uneven ground.

Guests should bring their own folding chairs and beverages. Coolers are welcome.

Tickets are $10, and can be purchased online at www.friendsofnewtroy.org, by emailing FriendsOfNewTroy@yahoo.com or by leaving a message at 469-5687.

Tickets purchased for the canceled March event will be honored.

Each ticket holder will receive six chili samples, cornbread and a cookie. The gathering will be capped at 100 people, including volunteers.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Community Center, which depends on fundraisers, memberships, rentals, donations and grants to operate.

THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with each venue for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

Mike Talbot: 3 p.m., **Kody Bryant:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outdoor pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Dale Wicks: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Gallery tour with glass artist Edgar Valentine: 5 p.m. (Zoom, free), 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. (in person, $15); Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

Benton Harbor Arts Association presents Arts in the Park with Jack Adams: 6-9 p.m., Benton Harbor Arts District; 888-3830 or www.newterritoryarts.org

Steve Michaels: 6-9 p.m., Cameron's, 1021 W. Front St., Buchanan; 695-3370 or camerons buchanan@gmail.com

Rob Harbin: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard 2121.com

Czar's presents The 1985: 7 and 10 p.m., Sandbar & Grille patio, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Glassblowing demonstration with Edgar Valentine: 8:30 p.m., Water Street Glassworks, 140 Water St., Benton Harbor; 925-5555 or www.waterstreetglassworks.org

SATURDAY

Cruisin' at Grace: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 404 E. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph; $15 per car; 429-4941 or gracestjoseph.org

Mike Struwin: 1-3:30 p.m., **Erik Donner:** 4-6:30 p.m., Round Barn Estate, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda; $5; 422-1617 or roundbarn.com

Chris Behre: 3 p.m., **Jim Whitmer and Carlie Ann La Mar:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outdoor pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Photo provided

Edgar Valentine, who appeared on Season 1 of Netflix's "Blown Away," will be in Southwest Michigan today. He is participating in the Krasl Art Center's "Artists as Influencers: Pathways in Glass" exhibit. He will give virtual and in-person tours of the exhibit before moving to Water Street Glassworks at 8:30 p.m. for a glassblowing demonstration.

The Bronk Bros: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Czar's presents the Brian Randall Band: 7 and 10 p.m., Sandbar & Grille patio, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

A Girl & A Guy: 7-10 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outdoor pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwinds casino.com

SUNDAY

Ed Skjordal: 2-5 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard 2121.com

Little Something: 2-5 p.m., Round Barn Estate, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda; 422-1617 or round barn.com

Mark Ficks: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Jim Cooper: 4 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harbor lightbrewing.com

Blue Shoes Jazz Ensemble (benefit concert for Eddie Zajac): 5:30-8 p.m., Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph; $10 adults, $5 children; 556-7000 or www.peacelutheranstjoe.org/eddie-zajac-benefit

TUESDAY

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

THURSDAY

Virtual party for "Shelter-in-Place": 7-8 p.m., Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free (via Zoom); 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

ART EXHIBITS

Biennial Members' Show: through Sept. 19 (virtual and in-person exhibit), Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"Nineteen: Suffrage in Southwest Michigan": through Sept. 20, History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

"Rightfully Hers": through Sept. 25; North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., Coloma; free; 468-3330 or northberrienhistory.org

"Human Interest: Four Figurative Sculptures" (outdoors): through Oct. 17, **"Artists As Influencers: Pathways in Glass"** and **"Shelter-in-Place"** (virtual and in-person exhibits): through Nov. 29, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

"The Keepers of the Fire: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi": through summer 2021; The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph; free; 983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

FILM

Virtual screenings: "August Virgin": $12; **"Made in Bangladesh":** $12; **"Coup 53":** $12; **"Jazz on a Summer's Day":** $10 for 5-day rental; **"River City Drumbeat":** $12 for 3 days; **"Gordon Lightfoot: If You Could Read My Mind":** $9.99 for 3 days; **"Out Stealing Horses":** $12 for 3 days; **"Rebuilding Paradise":** $12 for 3 days; Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

"Claim to Fame" premiere and chili cook-off: 7 p.m. Saturday; New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, New Troy (outdoors); $10; face masks required when not seated; 469-5687 or friendsofnewtroy@yahoo.com

ATTRACTIONS

Niles Scream Park: 8-11 p.m. Sept. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26; 7-11 p.m. Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31; 7-10 p.m. Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 6-7; Niles Scream Park, 855 Mayflower Road, Niles; $5-$15 individual attraction tickets, $28-$45 combination packages; 687-3327 or www.haunted.org

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IN BRIEF

SAM resumes free family concert series

NEW BUFFALO — Jamileh Cornejo, an award-winning vocalist and student of the School of American Music, will headline SAM's next free family concert.

The concert will start at 3 p.m. Sept. 27 at Converge Community Church, 601 N. Buffalo St.

She will perform a repertoire of opera and art songs, Broadway selections and modern song.

Cornejo has participated in, and won, numerous competitions, including Hoosier Star, the Indiana State Fair, and First Christian Church of Rolling Prairie's Music in Me.

Admission is free, though donations are appreciated.

Attendees are asked to register for tickets online at schoolofamericanmusic.com. Tickets, however, are not required.

The church has socially distanced seating, but a limited capacity. Attendees are asked to wear face masks. If attendance exceeds capacity, there will be an overflow area at the church to which the concert will be broadcast.

Madison Kutch joins faculty at SAM

THREE OAKS — Madison Kutch has joined the faculty at the School of American Music, according to a news release.

She is a brass specialist, but will teach all band instruments. She also teaches elementary music for Michigan City, Ind., schools, and has been giving private lessons for eight years to beginning and advanced students.

Kutch is a member of the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra, the Windiana Concert Band, the Michigan City Municipal Band and the La Porte City Band. She also performs occasionally with the St. Joseph Municipal Band.

A New Carlisle, Ind., resident, Kutch earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Valparaiso University and completed her student teaching at New Prairie High School, where she has worked with the school's marching band for six years.

Kutch has studied with trumpeter Charles Steck for 12 years, and continues to perform with him regularly.

SAM currently offers socially distanced, one-on-one lessons at its Arts and Education Center in Three Oaks, and remote lessons via Zoom and other platforms. The school welcomes child, teen and adult students, and has a scholarship program.

For more information, visit schoolofamericanmusic.com.

SH visitors bureau seeking photographs

SOUTH HAVEN — The South Haven Van Buren County Convention and Visitors Bureau is holding a photo call out for its 2021 Destination Guide.

It is looking for shot of anything South Haven, from beaches to trails to local attractions. Photographers will be compensated if their photo is picked.

Photos should be high resolution (300 dpi or more) in jpg or tiff format.

Entries can be emailed to relax@southhaven.org.

For more information, visit the bureau's Facebook page or www.southhaven.org.

Museum welcomes Monte for program

COLOMA — The North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., will broadcast a recorded presentation by Sam Monte on its Facebook page at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Since 1925, the Monte family has been dedicated to manufacturing and supplying produce containers. In 2014, Monte Package Co. donated 22 basket-making machines that were made by St. Joe Iron Works and Saranac Machine Co. to the museum. This machinery collection became a permanent exhibit at the museum in 2017.

During his presentation, Monte will discuss the machinery collection and detail several local businesses that made Southwest Michigan into one of the major fruit and vegetable producers in the country.

For questions, or more information, email peter@northberrienhistory.org or visit www.northberrienhistory.org.

Mag: Krasl Art Fair among nation's best

ST. JOSEPH — The 2019 Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff was ranked No. 32 in Sunshine Artist Magazine's annual 200 Best listing, which ranks the nation's most profitable art and craft festivals based on artists' reported sales in 2019.

The 200 Best is split into two categories: Fine Art and Design, for events that focus on unique fine-art pieces; and Classic and Contemporary Craft, for events that focus on traditional or modern craft and production work.

Artists cast their votes in April through June to nominate their highest money-making shows from 2019. The results were tabulated using a weighted scale based on four sales levels to ensure all events could compete against each other fairly.

Sunshine Artist's 200 Best focuses solely on revenue, because it's the most objective indicator of a show's future success. Subjective attributes such as artist treatment, amenities, attendance levels, management, or overall quality can impact sales, but they're harder to gauge, and therefore have no direct bearing on these rankings.

hp SPORTS

Tigers salvage split with Cardinals

By STEVE OVERBEY
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jeimer Candelario capped off a two-homer day with a two-run, bases-loaded single in the seventh inning to help the Detroit Tigers beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-3 on Thursday for a doubleheader split.

Tigers 2-6
Cardinals 12-3

"We needed that," Detroit manager Ron Gardenhire said. "A good last-inning effort. We had a lot of players stepping up."

The Cardinals won the opener 12-2 behind a five-homer attack.

In the first game, Yadier Molina, wearing uniform No. 21 in honor of Roberto Clemente, hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the second inning for the Cardinals.

Candelario hit a two-run homer in the first game and added a solo shot in the nightcap.

Jose Cisnero (2-2) picked up the win for the Tigers. Giovanny Gallegos (1-2) took the loss.

Jorge Bonifacio added a two-run homer for Detroit in a late five-run rally. Tommy Edman homered for St. Louis.

The highlight of the Cardinals' six-homer day was Molina's emotional blast.

The normally stoic Molina jumped into the air after passing first base and appeared to wipe away a tear with his uniform sleeve as he approached home plate.

Born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, Molina was among players from the commonwealth who wore the number as part of Major League Baseball's tributes this week to Clemente, who died when a plane crashed en route to a relief mission in Nicaragua on Dec. 31, 1972.

Molina put St. Louis ahead 2-0 in the second against Tarik Skubal (1-2) with his third home run this season. With his 158th home run for St. Louis, Molina passed Johnny Mize and moved into sole possession of 10th on the Cardinals career list.

Molina has said Clemente was his childhood hero, and Molina received the 2018 Roberto Clemente Award, awarded annually to a player who exemplifies sportsmanship, community involvement and the individual's contribution to his team.

Lane Thomas, Tyler O'Neill, Paul Goldschmidt and Rangel Ravelo also homered for St. Louis.

The Tigers were coming off a 19-0 loss to Milwaukee on Wednesday, the largest defeat in franchise history.

Flaherty (3-1) allowed four hits in five innings, struck out six and walked two. He enjoyed watching Molina succeed on his special day.

"I don't feel like he shows emotion too often," Flaherty said. "But when he hit that home run, he was pretty pumped. That was fun to see. He was fired up."

Thomas and O'Neill hit two-run homers in a seven-run third that boosted the lead to 9-0.

Goldschmidt hit a solo drive in the fourth to mark his 33rd birthday. He became the first St. Louis player to homer on his birthday since Randal Grichuk at the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 13, 2016.

Up next

Tigers: Detroit starts a three-game series Friday at the Chicago White Sox. RHP Lucas Giolito (4-2, 3.29) Giolito, who pitched a no-hitter against Pittsburgh, is scheduled to start for Chicago.

Phelan M. Ebenhack / AP

Notre Dame quarterback Ian Book throws a pass during the first half of the Camping World Bowl against Iowa State on Dec. 28, 2019.

They meet again

Book's No. 10 Irish begin ACC title quest vs. Brice and Duke

By JOHN FINERAN
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — The last time quarterbacks Ian Book and Chase Brice shared the same football field, Brice got the last laugh on his way to a championship ring.

When No. 10 Notre Dame entertains Duke in its inaugural Atlantic Coast Conference season opener Saturday, Book and Brice will get most of the attention. The last time they met, on Dec. 29, 2018, in Arlington, Texas, Brice was the backup to freshman sensation Trevor Lawrence and saw late mop-up duty as Clemson dominated the Fighting Irish 30-3 in a College Football Playoff semifinal on its way to the national title.

Book leads coach Brian Kelly's Fighting Irish after throwing for 3,034 yards, running for 546 and totaling 38 touchdowns during an 11-2 campaign in 2019. Brice, a graduate transfer, will be making his first start for Duke coach David Cutcliffe.

"I'm ready for this weekend and I know we are as a team – we have a great challenge ahead," said Brice, who threw for 1,023 yards and nine touchdowns and rushed for 187 yards and one TD as Lawrence's backup. Against the Irish in 2016, Brice went 0 for 2 passing but gained 31 yards on two carries as the Tigers ran out the clock.

Duke, 5-7 in 2019, is hoping the 6-foot-3, 235-pound Brice could be the answer for an offense that finished next to last in the ACC at 329.7 yards per game, including just 179.3 through the air, the lowest passing mark since Cutcliffe took over in 2008.

Brice's top targets figure to be tight end Noah Gray and wide receiver Jalon Calhoun with Deon Jackson and Mataeo Durant sharing the running load.

"I think we've got to be aggressive on both sides of the ball," Cutcliffe said. "We can't be afraid. We can't play on our heels."

Cutcliffe thought his team did that last November during a visit from Notre Dame. The Irish, in the midst of a season-ending, six-game winning streak, romped 38-7 behind Book's season-high 139 rushing yards and another 181 yards and four TDs through the air.

Book's offensive line returns intact, but his weapons have changed. Kyren Williams and Chris Tyree lead the running brigade, while Ben Skowronek, a grad transfer from Northwestern, is expected to be one of the new targets, replacing the departed Chase Claypool and Cole Kmet.

"It's been fun to work with new players," Book said. "I feel comfortable with them, which is where I need to be."

Welcome aboard

This is the first of 10 ACC games for both teams and the first time ever that Notre Dame will be playing for a conference title in football. The ACC accommodated the Irish with 10 games and a chance to play for the ACC title after the pandemic wrecked Notre Dame's schedule.

"There are some differences certainly about this opener and the challenges of getting to this point," Kelly said. "If you win (the ACC) you keep your mission alive for a national championship."

Once upon a time

"When we found out we were playing Notre Dame to open, I think it helped us," said Cutcliffe, who was to be Charlie Weis' offensive coordinator at Notre Dame beginning in 2005 but underwent triple-bypass heart surgery and didn't get the chance.

The last time Cutcliffe and Duke visited Notre Dame, in 2016, A.J. Reed kicked a 19-yard field goal with 1:24 left to seal the 38-35 Blue Devils' victory in Notre Dame's miserable 4-8 season. Defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder was fired the next day after his defense surrendered 498 yards.

Attitude adjustments

The Blue Devils believe they will make amends for their dismal performance against the Irish last season.

"I feel like we're more physical," said center Will Taylor, who replaces Jack Wohlabaugh (knee). "(New offensive line) Coach (Greg) Frey has prepared us, gotten our minds right, helped build up a new kind of culture and standard that we play to."

The 4-2-5 defense has solid pass rushers in Victor Dimukeje and Chris Rumph III and an experienced secondary led by Mark Gilbert and Michael Carter.

"What we're coming out to do Saturday is establish that physicality," Carter said.

Gilbert's return

Duke's secondary should get a boost with the return of cornerback Gilbert, a redshirt senior who has six career interceptions. Gilbert didn't play last season while still recovering from that injury.

A sixth season

Gilbert's counterpart at Notre Dame is Shaun Crawford, who suffered season-ending injuries during his freshman, sophomore and senior seasons as a cornerback and played last season with a dislocated left elbow. Crawford begins his sixth season as the starting strong safety.

"I never thought I'd be a starting safety," said the 5-foot-9, 180-pound Crawford, a team captain. "I've just tried to take the physicality, the instincts, the playmaking skills that they have and just put it into my game whenever I am on the field."

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BOYS SOCCER

GULL LAKE 3, LAKESHORE 0

Goals – Roni Sylemani 2, Avery Zeigler.
Records – Lakeshore 0-2.

HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN 2, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 1

Goals – Howardsville: Wesley Franzel 2. Lutheran: Christian Kisukulu.
Assist – Shane Elliot (ML).
Saves – Adam Rosenbaum (ML) 9.

HARTFORD 4, CASSOPOLIS 0

Goals – Caiden Smith 2, Aaron Robles, Alan Gonzalez.
Assists – Kevin Parra 2.
Records – Hartford 2-0.

Wednesday's results

COLOMA 4, SCHOOLCRAFT 3

Goals – Coloma: Cannon Hodges 2, Tyler Russell, Lucian Whitaker. Schoolcraft: Mylah Burkheiser 2, Coloma own goal.
Assists – Coloma: Layne Whitaker 2.
Shots on goal – Schoolcraft 16, Coloma 12.
Saves – Wes Seabury (C) 13.

Tuesday's results

ST. JOSEPH 5, KAL. LOY NORRIX 3

Goals – SJ: Jack Pender 2, Jacob Scouler, Seth Walters, Rowen Clark.
Assists – SJ: Scouler 2, Clark, Pender, Preston Nichols.
Halftime – Loy Norrix 2-0.
Records – St. Joseph 1-0 SMAC, 1-0; Loy Norrix 0-1, 0-1.

HARTFORD 5, COMSTOCK 1

Goals – Hartford: Alan Gonzalez 3, Alexis Rivas, Kevin Parra.
Assists – Caiden Smith 2.
Saves – Kaiden Johnson (H) 4

GIRLS GOLF

Wednesday's results at Edwardsburg

EDWARDSBURG 205, LAKESHORE 217, NILES 227

Lakeshore – Paige Gardiner 48, Bella Parker 53, Claire Gourlay 56.

Tuesday's results

KVA JAMBOREE AT ORCHARD HILLS

Team scores – 1. Kal. Hackett 194, 2. Kal. Christian 202, 3. South Haven 202, 4. Schoolcraft 215, 5. Niles 234. No team score: Michigan Lutheran, Comstock.
Medalist – Colleen McNally (KH) 45.
South Haven – Sydney Barnes 46, Abby Bocock 48, Jenna Ridley 49, Hannah Kaczmarek 59.
Michigan Lutheran – Josey VanderMarkt 54.

BOYS TENNIS

PORTAGE CENTRAL 6, ST. JOSEPH 2

Singles – 1. Janek Mietusiewicz (PC) d. Justice Waldman 6-0, 6-0; 2. Daniel Meimers (PC) d. Grant Banasik 7-5, 3-6, 6-1; 3. Athan Gregory (SJ) d. Darrian Chen 6-3, 6-4; 4. Tyler Romano (SJ) d. Armaan Sidhu 6-1, 6-1.
Doubles – 1. Zane Graham-Easton Lentz (PC) d. Owen Faulkner-Ani Anirudh 6-1, 6-2; 2. Carter Cornelius-Drew Lawler (PC) d. Levi Beam-Harsh Gupta 7-6, 6-2; 3. Will Sachwitz-Ryan Chenoweth (PC) d. Nick Clancy-Kevin Wang 6-1, 6-1; 4. Garret Trumblee-Jaden Springman (PC) d. Kevin Rutz-Prosper Waldman 6-2, 6-1.

Tuesday's results

MATTAWAN 6, ST. JOSEPH 2

Singles – 1. Justice Waldman (SJ) d. Brady Sullivan 6-0, 6-1; 2. Luke Hodgman (M) d. Grant Banasik 6-0, 6-0; 3. Jacob Hodgman (M) d. Athan Gregory 6-2, 6-4; 4. Tyler Romano (SJ) d. Andrew Williams 7-5, 6-3.
Doubles – 1. Carlos Vega-Brian Weaver (M) d. Owen Faulkner-Ani Anirudh 6-0, 6-1; 2. Sam Sullivan-Carson Brinks (M) d. Levi Beam-Harsh Gupta 3-6, 6-3, 10-2; 3. Alex Weaver-Nathan Gillesby (M) d. Nick Clancy-Kevin Wang 6-2, 6-0; 4. Garrett Cheng-Alex Hultberb (M) d. Kevin Rutz-Prosper Waldman 6-1, 6-1.

VOLLEYBALL

BUCHANAN D. BRIDGMAN 25-18, 25-15, 25-9

Buchanan – Faith Carson 7 kills, 3 blocks; Josie West 6 kills, 3 aces; Lauren Strefling 2 digs, 3 aces; Hailey Jonatzke 3 digs; Claire Shelton 3 aces, 3 blocks, 22 assists.
Bridgman – Peyton Oman 3 kills, 9 digs; Autumn Brown 14 digs; Haylee Kanous 2 kills, 1 block, 3 digs; Bella Gearhart 2 aces, 2 kills, 2 digs; Ava Ward 16 assists, 8 digs; Takiya Cornelius 8 kills, 1 block; Javen Graves 3 kills, 2 blocks; Bre Russell 1 dig; Ellie Stein 1 dig.
Records – Buchanan 1-0 BCS Red, 1-0; Bridgman 0-1, 0-1.

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys

PORTAGE CENTRAL 15, ST. JOSEPH 47

Race winner – Tyler Brunner (PC) 16:46.44.
St. Joseph – 7. Will Fiesbeck 18:16.56, 8. Jacob Haunhorst 18:19.16, 9. Andrew Moyer 18:25.88, 11. Michael Melvoin 18:30.32, 12. Luke Lehner 19:16.64.

Girls

PORTAGE CENTRAL 21, ST. JOSEPH 37

Race winner – Ellie Voetberg (PC) 19:24.54.
St. Joseph – 4. Grace Kelley 20:14.76, 5. Cecilia Ruchti 21:01.65, 6. Riley Mullen 21:05.01, 10. Olivia Ippel 21:54.89, 12. Madison Werk-Spitzer 23:22.27.

EAU CLAIRE COED INVITATIONAL

Top 15 boys – 1. Luke Blesy (Bridgman) 18:01, 2. John Sanderson (Bridgman) 18:30, 3. Adam Blankenship (Eau Claire) 19:31, 4. Joshua Seifert (River Valley) 19:38, 5. Jayce Warren (Bridgman) 19:39, 6. Nathan Blied (Bridgman) 19:41, 7. Sebastian Kirk (Bridgman) 19:51, 8. AJ Hackett (Bridgman) 19:55, 9. Edward Lopez (Eau Claire) 20:17; 10. Owen McLoughlin (LM Catholic) 20:18, 11. Lucas Wielens (LM Catholic) 20:29, 12. Cadden Krieger (River Valley) 20:29, 13. Emerson Barnes (New Buffalo) 20:30, 14. Matthew Lage (LM Catholic) 20:36, 15. Michael Golden 21:37.
Top 15 girls – 1. Karsyn Stewart (Bridgman) 20:46, 2. Arie Hackett (Bridgman) 20:59, 3. Allison Glendening (LM Catholic) 22:02, 4. Jane Kaspar (Bridgman) 22:34, 5. Summer Fast (Bridgman) 22:43, 6. Ericka Lopez (Eau Claire) 23:09, 7. Breanna Franks (Decatur) 23:41, 8. Rylee Rogers (River Valley) 23:56, 9. Gracie Tate (Bridgman) 23:59, 10. Eliza McGinn (New Buffalo) 24:15, 11. Abby Vitale (New Buffalo) 25:14, 12. Grace Fenech (Bridgman) 26:23, 13. Sam Smith (New Buffalo) 26:41, 14. Isabella Schrauben (LM Catholic) 27 24, 15. Alyssa Montgomery (River Valley) 27:54.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	28	17	.622	—
Toronto	24	19	.558	3
New York	22	21	.512	5
Baltimore	20	22	.476	6½
Boston	17	29	.370	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	27	16	.628	—
Minnesota	27	18	.600	1
Cleveland	26	18	.591	1½
Detroit	20	23	.465	7
Kansas City	17	28	.378	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	27	15	.643	—
Houston	22	23	.489	6½
Seattle	19	24	.442	8½
Los Angeles	18	27	.400	10½
Texas	15	28	.349	12½

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 19, Detroit 0
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 0
N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Baltimore 6
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 3
Oakland 3, Houston 2
San Francisco 10, Seattle 1

Thursday's Games

St. Louis 12, Detroit 2, 7 innings, 1st game
Oakland 3, Houston 1
L.A. Angels 6, Texas 2
Detroit 6, St. Louis 3, 7 innings, 2nd game
Kansas City 11, Cleveland 1
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.

Friday's Games

Baltimore (TBD) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 1-2), 4:05 p.m., 1st game
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 3-1) at Toronto (Anderson 0-0), 6:37 p.m.
Boston (Triggs 0-2) at Tampa Bay (Snell 3-1), 6:40 p.m.
Baltimore (TBD) at N.Y. Yankees (TBD), 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
Oakland (TBD) at Texas (Lyles 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Brault 0-2) at Kansas City (Bubic 0-5), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Bieber 7-0) at Minnesota (TBD), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (TBD) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 4-2), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Canning 0-3) at Colorado (Márquez 2-5), 8:40 p.m.
Seattle (Kikuchi 2-2) at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 5:05 p.m., 1st game
N.Y. Mets at Toronto, 6:37 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8:07 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 8:07 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 8:35 p.m., 2nd game

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	26	18	.591	—
Philadelphia	21	18	.538	2½
Miami	19	19	.500	4
New York	20	24	.455	6
Washington	16	26	.381	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	19	.568	—
St. Louis	19	18	.514	2½
Milwaukee	19	22	.463	4½
Cincinnati	19	24	.442	5½
Pittsburgh	14	27	.341	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	32	12	.727	—
San Diego	28	17	.622	4½
San Francisco	23	21	.523	9
Colorado	20	23	.465	11½
Arizona	15	29	.341	17

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 19, Detroit 0
Chicago White Sox 8, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Baltimore 6
San Diego 5, Colorado 3
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 0
Atlanta 29, Miami 9
San Francisco 10, Seattle 1
L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 4, 10 innings

Thursday's Games

St. Louis 12, Detroit 2, 7 innings, 1st game
Detroit 6, St. Louis 3, 7 innings, 2nd game
Atlanta 7, Washington 6
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs
San Francisco at San Diego
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona
Philadelphia at Miami

Friday's Games

Philadelphia (Nola 4-3) at Miami (TBD), 5:10 p.m., 1st game
Atlanta (Tomlin 2-2) at Washington (Fedde 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 3-1) at Toronto (Anderson 0-0), 6:37 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Brault 0-2) at Kansas City (Bubic 0-5), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 2-2) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 2-3), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (TBD) at St. Louis (TBD), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Canning 0-3) at Colorado (Márquez 2-5), 8:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Howard 1-2) at Miami (Rogers 1-0), 8:40 p.m., 2nd game
San Francisco (Cueto 2-0) at San Diego (Richards 2-2), 9:10 p.m.
Seattle (Kikuchi 2-2) at Arizona (TBD), 9:40 p.m.

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Osaka gets past Brady in U.S. Open semifinal

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't until Naomi Osaka got a little help from a fortunate net-cord and an incorrect line call that she finally was able to get the better of Jennifer Brady in a U.S. Open semifinal filled with fast serves and strong forehands.

And now Osaka, still just 22, is one victory away from a third Grand Slam title.

Osaka finally surged ahead midway through the last set with the only service break she would get Thursday night -- and only she would need -- to beat Brady 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-3, returning to the final at Flushing Meadows two years after winning the championship.

The match was played with the retractable cover at Arthur Ashe Stadium shut, and rain loudly pelted the roof. That also created an indoor environment conducive to the clean hitting both women produced, the thud of racket-on-ball echoing off thousands of empty blue seats at a tournament closed to spectators because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It means a lot for me. I kind of consider New York my second home," said Osaka, who was born in Japan and moved to the United States as a child. "I kind of love the atmosphere, even though there's no people here. I feel like this court kind of suits me well."

In Saturday's final, Osaka will face 23-time major champion Serena Williams or two-time major champion Victoria Azarenka.

Williams entered that semifinal, scheduled for later Thursday night, with an 18-4 head-to-head advantage over Azarenka, including 10-0 in Grand Slam tournaments, with victories in the 2012 and 2013 U.S. Open title matches.

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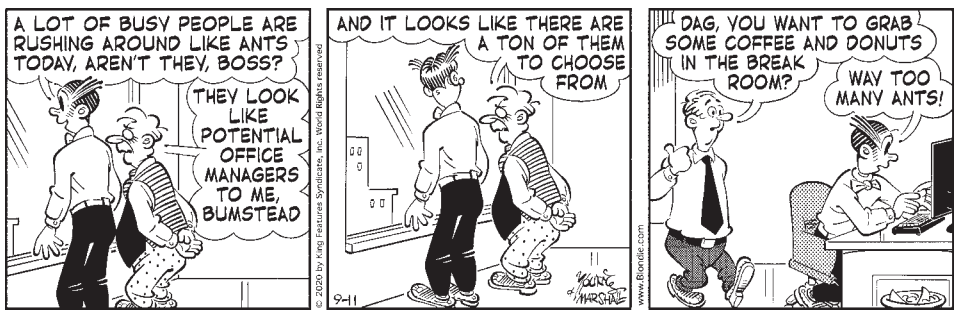

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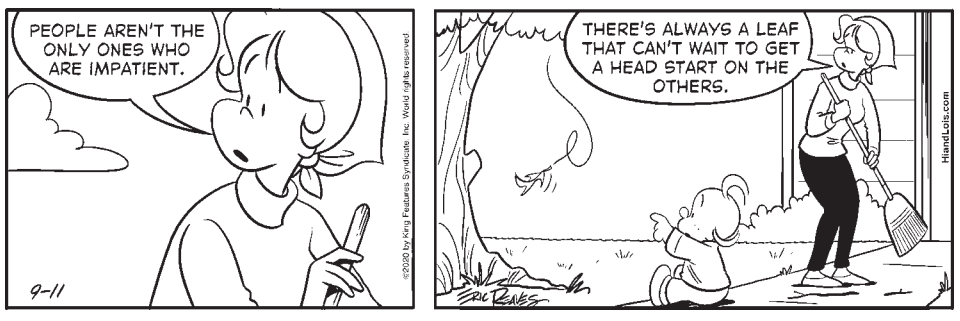

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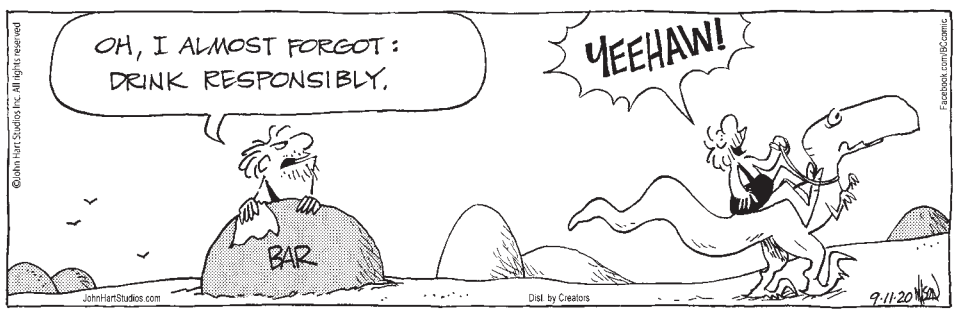

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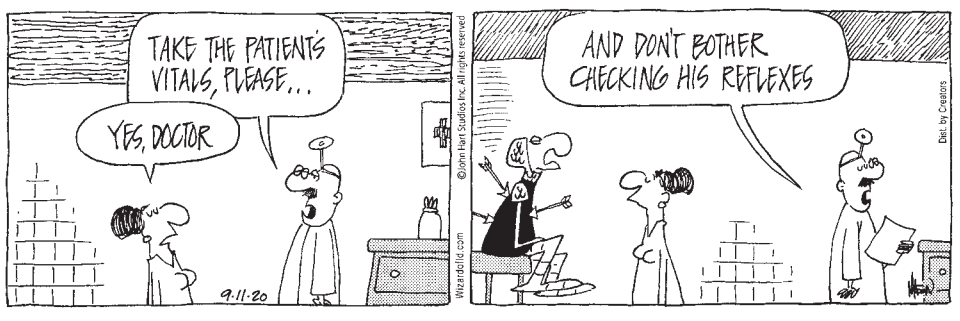

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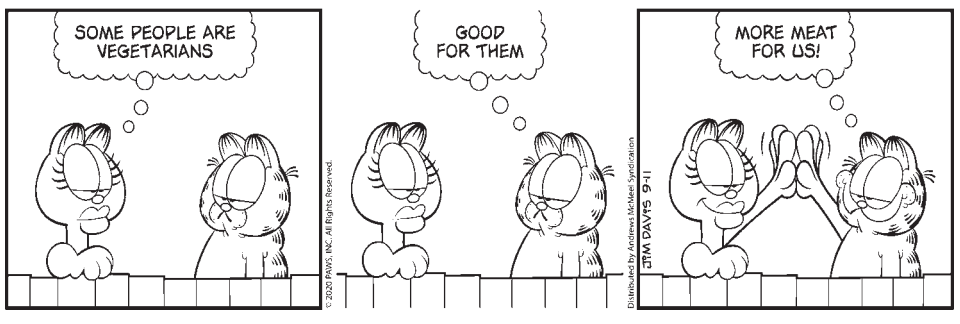

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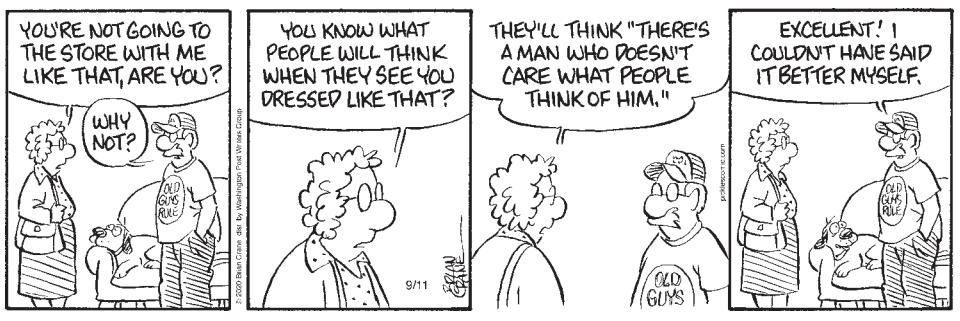

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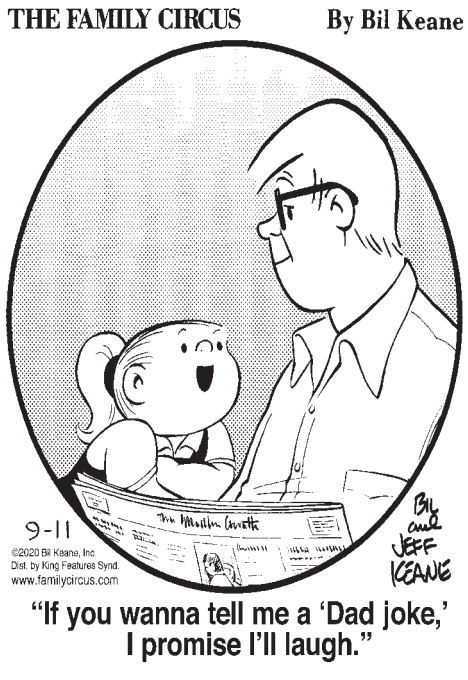

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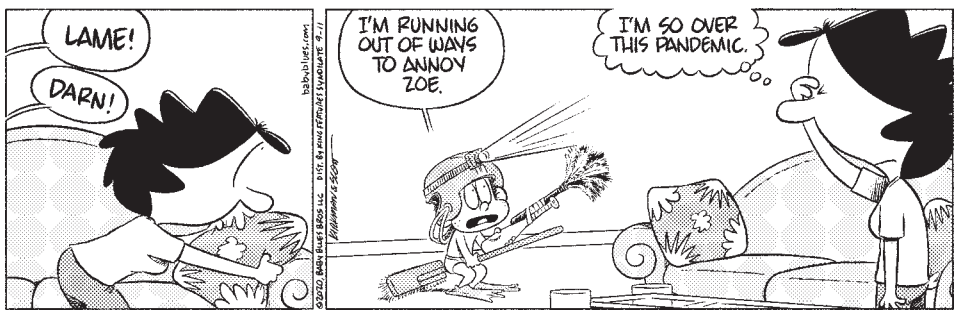

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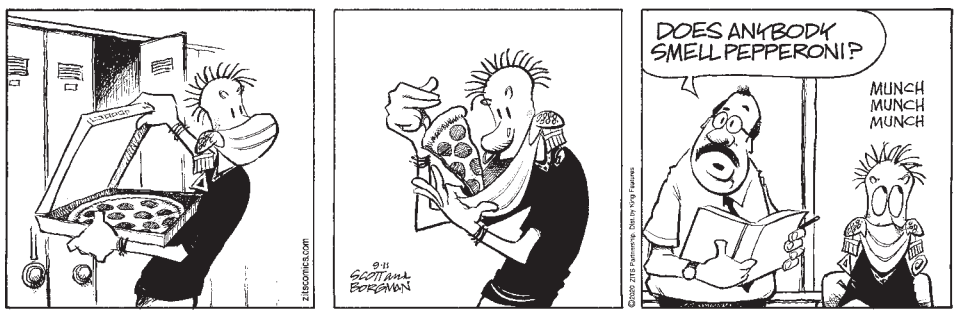

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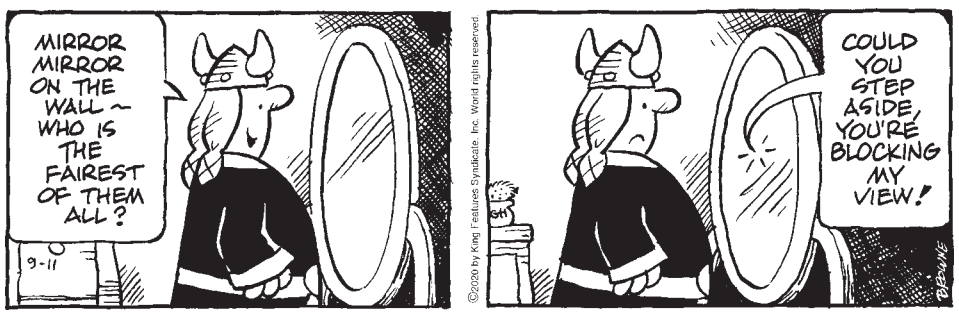

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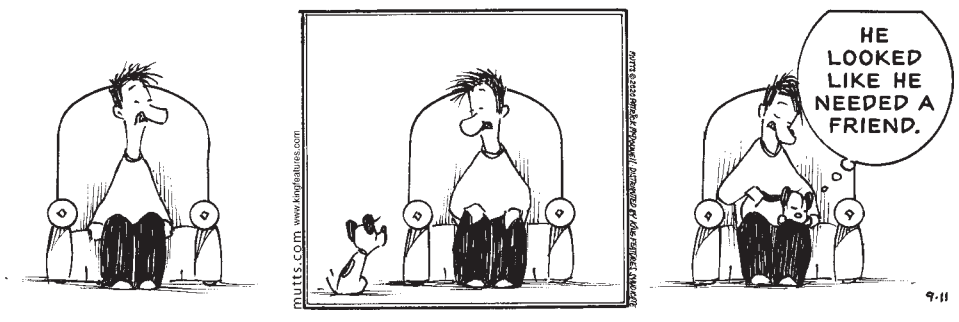

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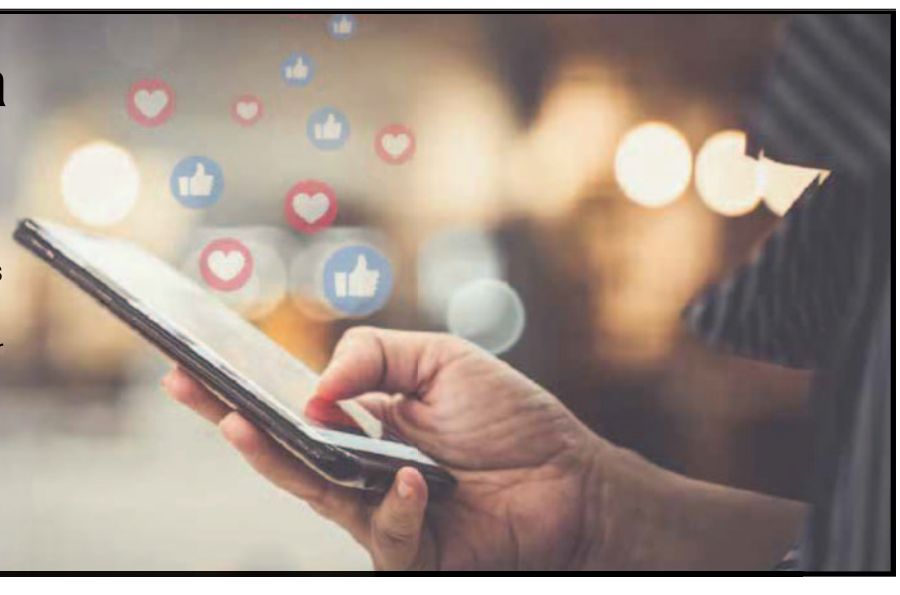

PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING SEP. 11

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	9/11 Remembered: The Day		20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver CC		Love Island (N) CC		Blue Bloods "Family Secrets"	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	America's Got Talent "Semi-Finals 1" Eleven semifinalists perform. CC				Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Black Journal	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	Great Performances "Romeo and Juliet" Royal Ballet perform Romeo and Juliet. (N)			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Being Reuben	Being Reuben	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. CC		CSI: Miami "Blown Away" CC		CSI: Miami The team pursues a killer.	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Being Reuben	Being Reuben	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Graduation" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven "A Special Love"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Live Rescue	Live Rescue: Rewind (N) CC		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 09.11.20" (N) CC			
AMC	:00 ★★★ The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug ('13, Fantasy) Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage. CC						Hobbit-Jrny
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N)				Mysteries of Deep	
BET	:00 ★★ Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married?					Payne	Payne
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Volleyball			Women's College Volleyball CC			
Bravo	★ Little Fockers ('10, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. CC				:36 ★ Little Fockers ('10) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. CC		
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Mary Queen	★★ The Recruit ('03, Suspense) Al Pacino, Colin Farrell. (P). CC				9:55 ★★ The Mule ('18) CC	
CMT	Last Man	To Be Announced					
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Chappelle	Chappelle
Discovery	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold (N) CC		:03 100 Days Wild "Episode 4" (N)		:05 Ed Stafford: First Man Out CC	
Disney	Raven	★★★ Ferdinand ('17)			Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Lakefront	Lakefront		Lakefront		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	6:30 ★★★ Speed ('94)			★★★ Speed ('94) Keanu Reeves.			
ESPN	4:00 2020 U.S. Open Tennis Men's Semifinals. (N) (L)						
ESPN2	6:30 2020 U.S. Open Tennis Men's Semifinals. (N) (L)						
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tigers Lv.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox. (N) (L)					
Freefrm	:00 ★★ 101 Dalmatians ('96) Glenn Close. CC			★★★ Freaky Friday ('03, Children's) Jamie Lee Curtis, Lindsay Lohan. CC			
FX	★★ Bad Moms	★★ The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.					The Proposal
Golf	2020 LPGA ANA			Central	PGA Champions		
Hallmark	Love Under	The Christmas Club ('19, Romance) Elizabeth Mitchell, Cameron Mathison. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:32 Lovecraft Country CC		★ The Sitter ('11) Jonah Hill, Max Records. CC			Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	102 Min	The Final Minutes		9/11: The Pentagon		9/11: Inside	
HGTV	Home	Dream	Dream	Selling	Selling	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)				90 Day	90 Day
Lifetime	King of Queens	★★ The Holiday ('06) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. Two women from different countries swap homes at Christmas. CC					
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox. (N) CC					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL GameDay View		NFL Football: Texans at Chiefs			
Nick	Loud	Unfiltered	Group	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	:00 Inside 9/11: War on America			G. Bush: 9/11		Bin Laden's Hard	
Oxygen	:00 Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Deadly House of Cards" (N)			Buried in the Backyard "Deadly Ally"		Buried in the Backyard CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★ Tommy Boy ('95) Chris Farley.				Bellator MMA Live	
Showtime	:10 ★★ Morning Glory ('10) Rachel McAdams. CC			★★★ Hustlers ('19, Comedy-Drama) Constance Wu, Jennifer Lopez. CC			
Starz	Fantastic Four	★ Playmobil: The Movie ('19) Voices of Anya Taylor-Joy.			:43 ★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides		
STZENC	6:59 ★★★ True Romance ('93) Christian Slater.			★★★★ Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid ('69) Paul Newman. CC			
SyFy	6:00 ★★ Tomb Raider ('18)		★★ Constantine ('05, Fantasy) Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf. CC				
TBS	6:30 ★★ Godzilla ('14) Aaron Taylor-Johnson.			★★★ Transformers ('07, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson. CC (DVS)			
TCM	Movie Crazy	★★ She ('65, Fantasy) Ursula Andress, John Richardson. CC				★★ Clash of the Titans ('81) CC	
TMC	Indecent Proposal	★★ The Switch ('10) Jennifer Aniston. CC			:45 ★★ Second Act ('18) Jennifer Lopez. CC		
TNT	:00 Bones	★★ Jack Reacher ('12) Tom Cruise. CC (DVS)					Geostorm
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Little Bit of Light"		Chicago P.D. "Last Minute Resistance"		Chicago P.D. "The Thing About Heroes"	
VH1	Austin P	RuPaul's Drag Race				★★ Austin Powers in Goldmember	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Drusen severity depends on if they're hard or soft

DEAR DOCTOR: My eye doctor says I have something called "drusen" on top of my retina. I've read that this is connected to macular degeneration, and I'm worried. Can you please explain more about it?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR READER: The term "drusen" is the plural of the German word "druse," which means node. In a medical context, drusen refers to small deposits of debris within the retina. That's the layer of tissue that lines the back of the eye and contains light-sensing cells known as photoreceptors. Drusen are found not on top of the retina, as you mention in your question, but in an area known as Bruch's membrane. It's a very thin layer of cells that separates the upper layers of the retina, including the photoreceptors, from an area known as the choroid. This is a network of blood vessels that deliver oxygen and nutrients to the macula, the functional center of the retina.

In order to diagnose the presence of drusen, your eye doctor performs a dilated eye exam. It involves the use of special eye drops that prevent the iris, which is the part of the eye that controls the size of the pupil, from contracting. With the iris wide open, the doctor can then use either a special instrument to see into the back of the eye or a special camera to photograph the interior structures. Drusen will appear as yellowish-white spots within the retina.

Drusen are described as either hard or soft. Hard drusen are small and round, have well-defined borders and are often spread out. They are common as people age. Soft drusen are larger, have indistinct borders and tend to cluster together. Although both types of drusen should be monitored, hard drusen don't usually cause vision problems. Soft drusen, which can cause damage to the macula, are associated with dry age-related macular degeneration. That's a condition in which the macula deteriorates and the center of the field of vision is compromised or even lost. Drusen can also be present on the optic nerve, which can result in a slight loss of peripheral vision. This is more common in children than adults.

There is no treatment available for drusen at this time. However, someone diagnosed with soft drusen may be asked to take a specialized combination of vitamins and minerals that have shown promise in slowing a certain type of age-related macular degeneration. Using data drawn from a large study known as AREDS 2 (Age-Related Eye Disease Study 2), researchers developed a nutritional supplement that has been shown to reduce one's risk of developing advanced age-related macular degeneration by about 25 percent. The formulation includes vitamins C and E, copper, zinc and a pair of plant pigments called lutein and zeaxanthin, all in specific proportions.

Since you're worried, it's important to speak with your doctor and have all of your questions and concerns addressed. Be sure to ask if the drusen found in your eyes are hard or soft, as each type signals a different level of risk. And be vigilant about all follow-up visits to monitor your progress.

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Should her sons keep backs turned to her ex?

DEAR CAROLYN: After 36 years and four sons together, my ex sent an email to my work informing me he had filed for divorce, totally blindsiding me.

He had always been a totally involved father and very close to all our boys, but in a very short period of time became and did everything he had always taught them was wrong.

Carolyn Hax

The divorce was not easy because he, in essence, threw me under every bus he could find. All four sons turned their backs on him and stood by me.

It has now been over a decade, but none of them is willing to have any kind of relationship with him. In spite of how he ended things, he was a very good father, and I worry how it will affect them if they never make any peace with him.

They were all adults at the time of the divorce, and definitely not my little boys, but I am afraid there might be major consequences if they don't at least try to reconnect on some level. I need some suggestions on how to go about this. – Mom of Four Men

DEAR MOM: Severing a relationship is one way of making peace.

It's not a way anyone hopes for, plans for, raises children for, but it can bring peace nonetheless.

So please don't assume there are "major consequences" awaiting any of your sons. The falling-out itself may have been the (significant) consequence in its entirety.

There's also the problem of, let's call it "emotional jurisdiction." Let's assume you're right that all four of them are in for a hard reckoning due to their decisions to cut ties with their dad. That still doesn't mean it's your reckoning to prevent.

They are grown men, as you acknowledge, and were at the time they "turned their backs." You may be their mother always, but your job has long since been to support them in the lives they choose to lead, not fix those lives for them. Your proactive days are long behind you.

One thing you can do, always, which might be helpful here, is to let them know how you feel and leave it to them to respond as they see fit. In this case, that would mean telling them that you understand they're grown men and can manage their own relationships with their father, but that it's been on your mind lately that you don't want them holding on to any resentments on your account.

Make it clear to them that you: understand people are complicated; can be both dismayed at how he left and still grateful for what a good father he was before that; upon reflection, hope his good contributions aren't lost to time and justified anger; and give, if it needs giving, your blessing for them to have whatever relationship – or non-relationship – with their father they want.

No doubt it was healing at the time that all your children "stood by me." No doubt they needed that as much as you did, to find a sense of purpose to ground them during such a disorienting change, even as adults.

Saying that to them out loud, and thanking them, would be a fitting end bracket to this period – and a start to your seeing their choices hereafter as standing up for themselves.

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16 Fishing floats
18 Major divisions of geologic time
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25 Tot's wheels
27 Kramer or Estrada
31 This, to Caesar
32 Holy cow!
33 Road division
34 Project starter
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38 Listening device
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59 Golf instructor
60 Pack it away
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45 Bring a smile to
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51 Ecol. bureau
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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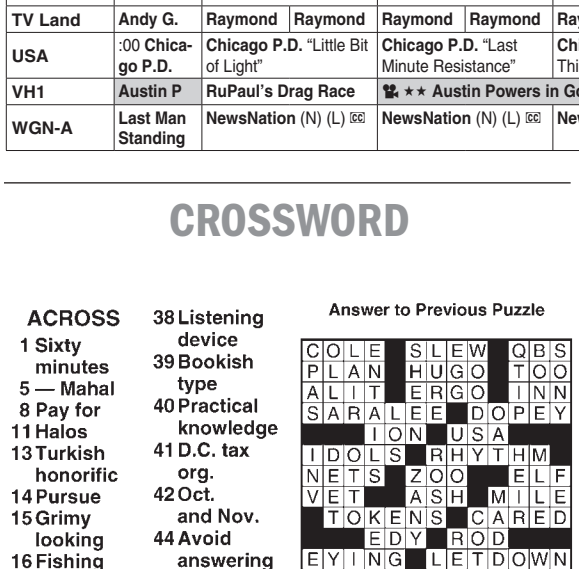

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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DEIUG

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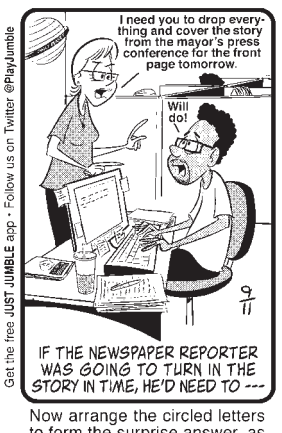

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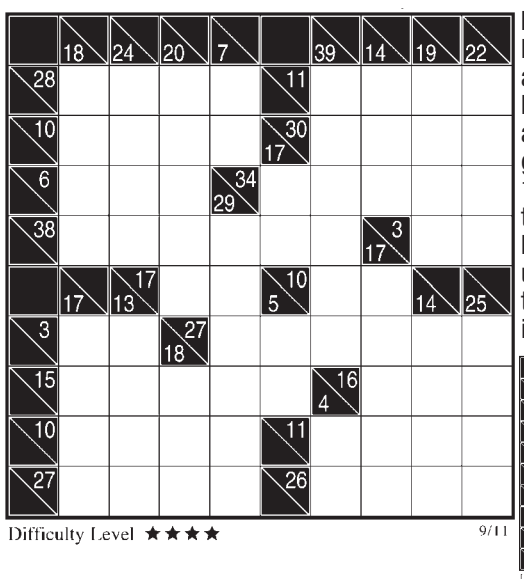
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

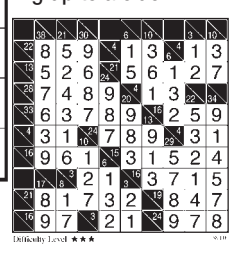
Yesterday's Jumbles: SPELL TASTY SUBDUE WINERY
Answer: The scuba divers got married underwater and began their new life together in — "WETTED" BLISS

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/11



BRIDGE

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe said, "A chair is a very difficult object. A skyscraper is almost easier. That is why Chippendale is famous."

In this deal, the defense is a chair and the declarer-play a skyscraper. Let's start with the building. How should South play in four hearts after West wins trick one with the club queen and continues with the club jack?

West might have made a takeout double over one spade, but the vulnerability was unfavorable and his partner was a passed hand. Here, five clubs would probably have gone down only one, a good sacrifice if four spades was making. North's raise to four spades was preemptive, showing good playing strength for spades but a paucity of points and defensive tricks.

In the play, South did well, finding a line that worked even if West held the heart ace. After ruffing at trick two, declarer played a trump to dummy's king, ruffed the club king high in hand and returned to dummy with another trump. Then South led dummy's diamond 10 and ran it. (If East had covered, South would have won with the ace and taken a ruffing finesse through West.)

After West won with the queen, he was endplayed. Whatever he led now – the heart ace, a diamond (into South's tenace) or a club (conceding a ruff-and-sluff) – declarer lost only one heart trick and made his game.

What did the sitting East miss? If, at trick one, he had overtaken the club queen with his ace and switched to the heart 10 (or queen), the defenders would have taken the first four tricks. Too difficult.

North 09-11-20
♠ K 10 9 8 3 2
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 10
♣ K 7 3

West
♠ 6
♥ A J 5
♦ Q 6 5 4 2
♣ Q J 10 8

East
♠ J
♥ Q 10 9
♦ K 8 7 3
♣ A 9 6 4 2

South
♠ A Q 7 5 4
♥ K 8 4 3
♦ A J 9
♣ 5

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	8	1	9	4	5	6	3	2
9	4	3	2	6	7	1	5	8
6	5	2	1	3	8	4	7	9
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Classified Desk: 1-855-317-4292
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New Carpet &
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Historic Duplex
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Extensive mold in
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LEGALS

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Sealed bids due at the Township Hall by Noon, September 28th, 2020.

Vehicles may be seen at St. Joseph Charter Township Hall, 3000 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, MI,
269-429-7703

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hartford, MI
CAT FOUND near
62nd St. & 66th Ave.
If it might be yours,
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EMPLOYMENT

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Stevensville, MI

POOL GUYS

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$14/Hour - Helpers
Driver's License Required
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River Valley School District
Employment info at:
www.rivervalley schools.org
Deadline: Until Filled

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR

Benton Charter Township will be accepting applications for a Water Distribution System Operator beginning September 10, 2020 through September 18, 2020.

This is an entry level position. The position requires semiskilled work in the installation and removal, connecting and disconnecting of water meters. Work is performed under the direction of the Water Distribution System Supervisor. The Water Distribution System Operator must be able to routinely perform, after sufficient training, duties involving water distribution system construction, repair, operations, including water meter reading, installation, testing, and repair, cross connection compliance, and general system administration.

All applicants must possess a high school diploma, must obtain an S-4 operator certification within the time requirements of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
In addition, all applicants must be able to pass physical examination and drug/alcohol screening test, background check, and possess a commercial driver's license. Other minimum qualifications apply.

Beginning salary is $30,000 to $40,000 with benefits.

Applications may be obtained at the Benton Charter Township Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd., Bldg. B.,
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022. All applications and/or resumes should be sent to Mike Baldwin,
Water Department Supervisor, 555 N. Crystal Ave., Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, email mikebaldwin@bentoncharter township-mi.gov
E.O.E.

Carolyn Phillips
Township Clerk

SKILLED TRADE

The City of St. Joseph is currently accepting applications for the position of a full-time Laborer in the Parks and Cemetery Division. Applicants are required to have a valid Michigan Driver's license with a safe driving record, a valid Michigan Category 6 pesticide applicators certification or ability to obtain one within the employment probationary period. To apply, please submit a resume to the City of St Joseph Personnel Department, 700 Broad St,
St. Joseph, MI 49085, or lmoore@sjcity.com. A full job description is available at www.sjcity.com. Resumes will be accepted until Friday,
October 2, 2020.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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FINANCIAL

GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Bridgman, MI
Garage Sale - Downsizing
9906 Baldwin Road, Bridgman
Thur-Sat Sept 10-12
8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Exercise bike, glass ware, furniture, DVDs, CDs, Matchbox cars, curtains, rugs, home decor, Catalytic heater, fishing gear, baskets, bedding, pictures and much more. Please respect others and wear a mask.

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

MICHIGAN CITY

'Snooze You Lose'

2745 Ohio Street
Friday and Saturday,
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exercise bike, antiques, pool ladder, automatic pool cleaners, 3 strollers, high chair, dressers, old Michigan City pictures, old jewelry, umbrella and stand, air purifier, dog crate, plus lots more!

MICHIGAN CITY
Garage/House Sale
220 Allen Street
Fri & Sat, 8-2 pm
Coca Cola items, Boyd's Bears, Tupperware, vinyl records, books, DVD/VHS movies, CD's, golf clubs/ items, glassware, dishes, pots, pans, eagle and deer figurines, stand alone closet units, cabinets - wood and metal, furniture. Make a reasonable offer - everything must go! No early birds!

Berrien Center, MI
MOVING SALE
Sept. 10, 11 & 12
9:00 - 5:00
8280 Lake Road
Berrien Center, MI

Craftsman & Husky tools, Craftsman toolboxes, Blue

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Hawk shelves, ladders, air compressor, snow blower, lawn equipment, furniture, small kitchen appliances, dishes, household items, antiques & jewelry.

Saint Joseph, MI
2 Garage Sales
Same Street!
343 & 362
River Run Dr
Fri Sept 11th
9 am to 5 pm
Sat Sept 12th
9 am to 1 pm
Household items, Home decor, Small appliances, Holiday decor, Bike Rack, Firepit, Sleeping bags & lots more!
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Benton Harbor, MI
3 Pillars Music is looking to buy record albums from 1970s to present, older guitars and comic books.
Please contact Tom at 269-313-7001 or 3pillarsmusic@gmail.com

Wanted to Rent!
House/trailer in Fish Lake/Mill Creek area for the month of November. Will provide references.
920-622-5755

Coloma, MI
Wanted: Book (In My Time)
by Robert Faulkner of Coloma 1955
Call 269-468-9105

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By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

If you use your imagination this year, you will discover that nothing is impossible. Where there is a will, there is a solution. Set new standards and adopt a healthy, stable lifestyle. Your achievements will be welcomed by those who tend to play it safe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change of plans will make it easier for you to finish what you start. Don't be disappointed by someone's inability to deliver. More significant opportunities are yet to come.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take stock of what you have, consider what you need and prepare to donate what you no longer use Keeping things simple and practical will give you peace of mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Spend time doing something you enjoy. Align yourself with people who stimulate artistic and personal growth. Branch out and do your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Look for the truth. Someone will offer a false impression or assessment of a situation. Impulsive action will lead to a loss. Avoid risky situations and do your homework

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep your temper under control. Look at situations carefully to find the best way to bring about positive change. Stick to the truth and question anything that sounds suspicious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Sit tight and work with what you have. Stick to what you know you can handle, and don't take on someone else's responsibilities. Don't get involved in something you can't afford.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll develop an innovative way to help a worthwhile cause. The changes you make will affect how you move forward professionally. Life/work balance will be a deciding factor in the direction you choose to take.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take a moment to assess situations before you get involved. An emotional incident will require diplomatic action if you want to avoid repercussions. Get the facts before you make a decision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take better care of your health. Approach situations involving friends or relatives with compassion and understanding. Knowledge is power, and honesty will be important. A change is heading your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone will mislead you regarding the risk factor involved in a protest or social gathering. Put your health first and make suggestions with your comfort in mind. Choose intelligence over desire.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be reticent regarding your thoughts, opinions and feelings. It's better to say nothing than to send the wrong message. Sitting back and observing what others do and say will help you make the best decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't fold under pressure or take on someone else's battles. Focus on making smart decisions that will help you get ahead. A little charm will go a long way when dealing with romantic matters. Peace and love are encouraged.

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CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Benton Harbor's Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lula Lee Commission Chambers, Benton Harbor City Hall, 200 East Wall Street on a proposed Special Use Permit for 107 Water Street (11-54-0340-0139-00-9) for the purpose of establishing a provisioning center. In the event that the State of Michigan, Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders # 2020-21 and 2020-154 are extended due to COVID-19, the public hearing / meeting will be conducted virtually. Instructions on how to participate will be posted on the City of Benton Harbor's website, www.bhcity.us.

Written comments can be submitted via email to kthompson@bhcity.us or delivered to the drop box in front of City Hall, located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan. The deadline for submission is Monday, October 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The City of Benton Harbor does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to public meetings. Auxiliary aids or services will be made available for assistance of individuals with speech, vision, hearing or other impairments if the City of Benton Harbor is provided with notice not less than one week (7) days prior to the meeting time. Individuals desiring such assistance should contact the City Clerk at 269-927-8408.

All interested parties are urged to attend.

Kimberly Thompson, Benton Harbor City Clerk
September 10, 2020

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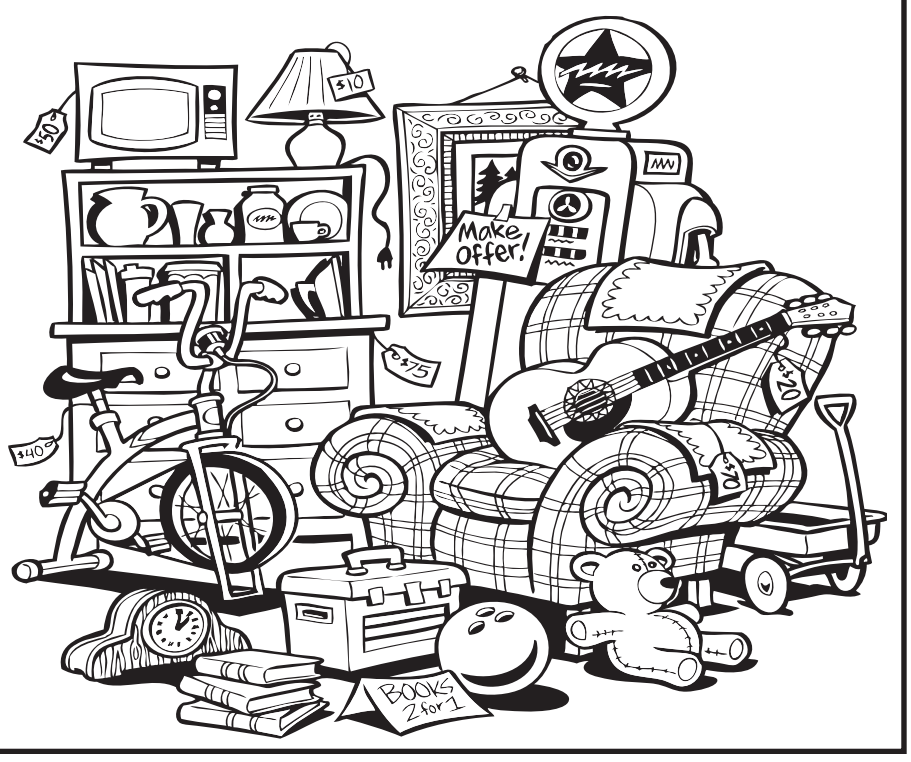

HOUSE HUNTING?
Watch For Our Open House Ads In The Classifieds!

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold steady from mostly $23-24, Golden Delicious sold from $26-29, Fuji sold for $24-24.50 with fine appearance mostly $31-32, Pink Lady brought $35, Gala fine appearance offerings sold from mostly $39-40, and 72-size Honeycrisp of fine appearance offerings brought $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $21-22, and Gala sold from mostly $22-23.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold lower from mostly $25-27, and white offerings brought $26.50, while green offerings from Mexico sold steady $22-24.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Michigan sold higher for $18.50.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from Michigan sold lower from $26.50-28.50, while offerings from British Columbia brought $36-36.50. Organic offerings from California sold steady for $28.50. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers small-medium size from California sold much higher from $24.50-26.50, while organic offerings sold higher for $28.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold steady for $20, with organic offerings sold higher for mostly $37-39.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Michigan sold for mostly $15-16, with red type mostly $17-18.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher from mostly $13-15, with organic offerings sold higher for $20-20.50.

CANTALOUPE: 24-inch bins of Michigan Athena type 70s sold steady for $150, while 90s brought $160.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Michigan bi-color sold much higher from mostly $22-24, and yellow sold higher form $22.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of medium size sold lower from mostly $23-24, while select offerings sold brought mostly $17-18, and carton 24s brought $12. Pickles of 200-300 size from Michigan sold steady from $26-28.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Michigan sold steady from mostly $19-20, with organic offerings from Ohio for $26-26.50.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold slightly lower from mostly $17-18, with organic offerings lower from $26.50-28.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold for $34-36.

PEACHES: Half-bushel cartons of various yellow flesh varieties from West Virginia of 2 1/2 inch up sold from $27-29.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Michigan green jumbo sold from mostly $19-21 and extra-large size sold higher for $24 and choppers sold from $12-14. Extra-large size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold higher for mostly $19-21 with medium size $8-10, and extra-large offerings from Ohio sold for $18-20. Medium-large hungarian wax peppers from Michigan sold from $22-24 and extra-large size poblanos sold for $20-21, serranos sold for $22, and medium size anaheims brought $24.

PRUNES: 28-pound cartons of Early Italian of 1-1/4-inch min. size from Washington brought $36.

SQUASH: 1/2-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Michigan sold higher for $17-18, with medium size $16-17, while yellow straightneck small-medium sold for mostly $22-23. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of large size acorn sold lower for $17-17.50 and medium size butternut sold from $19-19.50, while small spaghetti sold for $20.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from California of 4x5 size sold lightly higher from $18-20, while 5x6 size from Michigan sold for $18, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes of 4x5 size sold slightly higher from $18-20. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Michigan sold for $15. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red from Michigan sold for $14-14.50. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold from $13-15, while offerings from Michigan sold for mostly $17-18 and large size $16-17.

WATERMELONS: 24-inch bins of Michigan red flesh seedless type 45s sold higher for $180 with 60 count $160.

WAYLAND LIVESTOCK

Wayland Livestock sales as of Tuesday, Sept 8. Prices are per pound.

High yielding choice & prime ....95 cents – 97 cents
Choice steers & heifers..... 92 cents – 99 cents
Utility cows..... 55 cents – 69 cents
Canner & cutter cows..... 40 cent – 55 cents
Bulls..... 65 cents – 87 cents
Top bull calves..... 70 cents – $1.30
Hay..... $2.60 – $5.25 per bale
Straw..... $3.00 – $3.10

For information, call 792-2296 or fax 792-8055.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

St. Joseph – Boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, Megan Raines, 8 a.m. Sept. 4.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Twin Boys, 6 pounds 12 ounces, and 6 pounds 9 ounces, Schenella and Corey Taylor, 11:30 a.m. and 11:31 a.m. Sept. 4.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Antwonette Williams, 9:03 a.m. Sept. 8.

St. Joseph – Boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, Carson Arnold and Coda Ambrose, 5:56 a.m. Sept. 7.

St. Joseph – Girl, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, Katherine and David Costas, 2:04 a.m. Sept. 9.

St. Joseph – Girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, Christina and Jonathan Oldham, 5:03 p.m. Sept. 2.

Stevensville – Girl, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, Allison Gillette and Daniel Kruck, 3:01 p.m. Sept. 7.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH — The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Raven Amara Askren of Coloma and Dominic John V. Pecoraro both of Bridgman.

Kara Eileen Bishop and Karl Robert Geweinger of both Buchanan.

Deborah Antonett Burton of Benton Harbor and Oscar Lee Webster of Montgomery, Ala.

Wendy Lynn Moreland of Buchanan and Robert Allen Cowan of Niles.

Heather Marie Eger-Whisman and Christine Rebecca Stamper of South Bend.

John Thomas Mackey and Martin Anthony Semrau Jr. both of Highland, Ind.

Kelly Ann Miller and Phillip Scott Freeze both of Buchanan.

Michelle Lynn Poole and Jason Eugene Smith both of Niles.

Wanda Mith Sisomphou and Joseph Alan Stitsworth both of Osceola, Ind.

Caroline O'Shaughnessy Smith and Eric Terence Lemon both of Munster, Ind.

Christina Marie Wiers of Crown Point, Ind., and Joshua Wayne Martin of Sheboygan, Wis.

OBITUARIES

Douglas Richard Workinger

May 7, 1929 – Sept. 9, 2020

Douglas Richard Workinger, 91, of Bridgman passed away Wednesday Sept. 9, 2020 at his home.

As the family remembers him privately, online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com

Douglas was born May 7, 1929 in Benton Harbor, the son of the late William and Mabel (Stewart) Workinger. He owned and operated Doug's Bridgman Bakery on Lake Street in Bridgman. He was a licensed pilot and loved to travel. He enjoyed being up north, bow hunting and trail riding.

On Sept. 16, 1949, he married Marjorie Jean Horton, and she survives him along with four daughters: Karen Workinger, Gail (John) Coon, Cathy (Curt) Plomb and Carol (Charles) Duvall; seven grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren, and three brothers: Alan Workinger, Duane (Astrid) Workinger and Tom (Beverly) Workinger.

Doug was also preceded in death by three sisters: Phyllis Cryderman, Dorothy Pschigoda and June Dunhan, and a brother, William Workinger.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Lois Huff

March 24, 1927 – Sept. 9, 2020

Lois Huff, 93, of St. Joseph went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020, at Stately Living in St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4333 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville, with the Rev. Martin Measel officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the church. Memorials may be made to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Berrien County Cancer Service. Those wishing to share a memory of Lois online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Lois was born March 24, 1927, in Benton Harbor, to Paul and Esther (Knuth) Frobel. She attended grade school at Trinity Lutheran and graduated from St. Joseph High School. She then attended Western Union School in Indiana. On Oct. 2, 1949, she married Richard Huff in St. Joseph. Lois worked as a cook for Christ Lutheran School for 16 ½ years. She was an active and charter member of Christ Lutheran Church. Lois enjoyed camping and traveling with her husband and family.

Lois is survived by her children: Sharon (Willard) Bellin, Emily (John) Reiber, Audrey (Robert) Reisenbichler and Fred (Jeanne) Huff; six grandchildren: Joshua (Kristi) Reisenbichler and Nicholas (Jen) Reisenbichler, Marcus (Laura) Huff, Peter Huff, Joseph (Alana) Huff, and Nathaniel Bellin; five great-grandchildren: Lukas, Grace, Benjamin, Emma and Sullivan; and many loving first cousins.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Herman Roy Pollard Jr.

June 5, 1941 – Aug. 23, 2020

Herman Roy Pollard Jr., 79, of Benton Harbor departed this life Aug. 23, 2020, at home. A service celebrating his life will be held Sept. 11, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home. The visitation begins at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m.

Those wishing to sign the guest book may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Herman was born June 5, 1941, in Benton Harbor to Herman Roy Pollard Sr., and Nannie LaVerne Love Pollard. He graduated from Benton Harbor High, attended Lake Michigan College, and served on the Benton Harbor city police force. Herman married his high school sweetheart, Judith Wysinger Pollard.

He enjoyed playing baseball and was a member of Union Memorial AME church, where he later confessed his faith in Christ. Herman enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, doing what he could to help them. His hobbies included: fishing, CB Radio, going to garage sales, collecting odds and ends, solving crossword puzzles and playing chess. He liked to be addressed as "Mr. Pollard."

He was preceded in death by both parents: Herman Roy and Nannie LaVerne Pollard Sr., and brother, Wayne E. Pollard Sr.

He leaves to cherish and rejoice in his memory: partner, companion and friend for 32-plus years, Janet Tates; former wife, Judith E. (Wysinger) Pollard, and their children: Penny Killebrew-Pollard, Rhonda (Lawrence) Jackson and Herman Roy (Shana) Pollard III; daughter, Eunice Bryant; son, Rodney Polk; and a daughter who requested not to be named; 27 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Michael (Diane) Pollard; and a host of aunts uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Shawn Michael Tellez

April 11, 1976 – Sept. 8, 2020

Shawn Michael Tellez 44, of Bridgman passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020.

Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 9650 Church St., Bridgman with the Rev. Jesse W. Bolinder officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the church prior to the service. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman. Memorial contributions may be made through the GoFundMe: Shawn Tellez Memorial and scholarship Fund. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Shawn was born Sunday, April 11, 1976, in Holland, Mich., the son of Joseph Jake Tellez and Donna May (Hiatt) Tellez. On Aug. 14, 1999, he married Jessica Joann Ferrara. Shawn was employed with Lewis Brothers Bakery the past five years and for UPS for 20 years. Shawn loved boating and spending time with his kids.

Survivors include his wife, Jessica; sons: Andrew Tellez, Alex Tellez, Aiden Tellez, Asher Tellez and Evan Moyer; his mother, Donna Tellez; sister, Kimberly (Michael) Shelton; Jessica's parents: David and Dorothy Ferrara; sisters-in-law: Regan (Jason) Cote, Lesley (Bill) Miller and Rachel (Jared Mason) Ferrara; brother-in-law, Salvadore (Heidi) Ferrara; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, the Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Death notices

James Anderson, 93, of Niles died Sept. 10, 2020, at his home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Patti Ann Lee, 69, died Sept. 2, 2020. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremations Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Henrietta Lace, 99, of Dowagiac died Sept. 9, 2020, at Borgess Lee Memorial Hospital, Dowagiac. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Niles, 683-1155.

Michele Wendy Perkins, 50, of Chicago died Sept. 8, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Shawn Michael Tellez, 44, of Bridgman died Sept. 8, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Douglas Richard Workinger, 91, of Bridgman died Sept. 9, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Michele Wendy Perkins

March 11, 1970 – Sept. 8, 2020

Michele Wendy Perkins, 50, of Chicago died peacefully Tuesday morning, Sept. 8, 2020, in the comfort of her family's presence.

She was born March 11, 1970, in Skokie, Ill., the younger of two daughters of Bob and Helene Berger. She married Tony Perkins on July 16, 2005, in Chicago.

Michele will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Tony Perkins; one daughter, Shea Perkins; two sons: Blake Perkins, Britton Perkins; her parents: Bob and Helene Berger; her sister, Rhonda (Robbie) Ball, and several nieces and nephews.

The family will observe a private remembrance. Family and friends will gather for a celebration of Michele's life on a date and at a time to be announced in 2021.

The family prefers contributions be made in Michele's memory to Rolfe Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, 4809 N. Ravenswood Ave., Suite 326, Chicago, Il 60640 (www.rolfefoundation.org).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, Mich. Please share a memory or a message online: www.forevermissed.com/michele-berger-perkins.

Robert A. 'Bob' Peirce

Nov. 23, 1939 – Sept. 9, 2020

Robert A. "Bob" Peirce, 80, husband, father, grandfather, of St. Joseph, passed away on Sept. 9, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of life gathering will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation, 3275 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085 or SJ-BH Rotary Club Foundation, PO Box 143, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Bob was born Nov. 24, 1939, to Andrew and Jane (Healy) Peirce in South Bend. He then spent his early years in Buchanan and Battle Creek. At age 10, Bob became a survivor of polio, something that would not impact him so much physically, but would direct his life's mission and purpose.

After graduating high school from Leelanau School, Glen Arbor, Mich., he continued his education at Ferris State University earning his BS in business/marketing. On July 14, 1962, Bob married the love of his life, Kathryn "Kathy" Norton, at the First Congregational Church in St Joseph. They started married life together in Aurora, Ill., with Bob working at All-Steel before returning to St. Joseph to join his father-in-law and eventually take over Norton-Peirce & Co., a family landscaping business.

Bob was a member of the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Michigan, Saladin Shriners, SJ-BH Rotary Club, SJPS Board of Education, Easter Seals Board and SJBA. Bob had a passion for woodworking and outdoor work. His most passionate role, along with Kathy, was as grandparents supporting and cheering on his beloved grandchildren at their sporting, fine arts, and equestrian events. Many times they would load the car for a day of multiple activities traveling the region in support of their grandchildren, as well as their teammates and friends. Bob never forgot a name or a face, but it was his smile that was contagious and his gentle, caring, warm personality that left a lasting impression.

Bob is survived by his wife of 58 years, Kathryn, of St. Joseph; children: Michael (Amy) Peirce of St. Joseph and Sara (Cliff) Barlow of St. Joseph; grandchildren: Lindsay, Matthew, Ryan, Leah and Andy; sisters: Barbara Radde of Huntsville, Ala., and Marcia (Timothy) Snyder of Helena, Mont.; sister-in-law, Jan Zebell of St. Joseph; several nieces and nephews; as well as many loving friends.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Dr. David Puzycki has joined Lakeland Regional Health System and InterCare Community Health Network in practice at 697 Weld St., Benton Harbor. He specializes in internal medicine and pediatrics. He earned his degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, and his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan – Flint. Most recently he worked as a resident physician at the Indiana University Medical Center, Department of Medicine and Pediatrics.

1985 – 35 years ago

Twin City Players will hold auditions for the drama "The Uninvited" at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, at the Player's Theater in St. Joseph. Four men and six women, ages 17-60, are needed for the production. The play will be directed by Dennis Bachman, who most recently directed "The Rainmaker" for Summerstage. Immediately following auditions for "The Uninvited", Jan Bruce will conduct auditions at the theater for the Twin City Players' "Caberet," a musical entertainment group. Piano accompaniment will be provided, but those auditioning should bring their own sheet music. Tryouts for both are open to the public, and anyone interested is encouraged to audition.

1970 – 50 years ago

A $120 tool cabinet has been converted into a life-saving emergency cart for patients who suffer cardiac arrest while at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor. Equipped with emergency medications, instruments and machines, custom-made carts already in use at Mercy have saved the lives of 15 of 34 patients this past year who had cardiac arrests and needed resuscitation. The commercial emergency carts cost up to $8,000 each. Prompt action of hospital personnel in using the "crash carts" prevents those 15 patients from suffering brain damage due to the heart stoppage. Michael Kastner, purchasing director, developed the tool cabinet into a cart with the help of maintenance men and an idea in use at numerous other hospitals. Kastner said he built the cart to save hospital money.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Sept. 11, the 255th day of 2020. There are 111 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed as 19 al-Qaida hijackers seized control of four jetliners, sending two of the planes into New York's World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania.

On this date:

In 1777, during the American Revolution, forces under Gen. George Washington were defeated by the British in the Battle of Brandywine.

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1885, author D.H. Lawrence was born in Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, England.

In 1972, the troubled Munich Summer Olympics ended. Northern California's Bay Area Rapid Transit system began operations.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Sunny	Sunny
72°	57°	76° / 62°	73° / 54°	71° / 52°	76° / 58°

Local Outlook

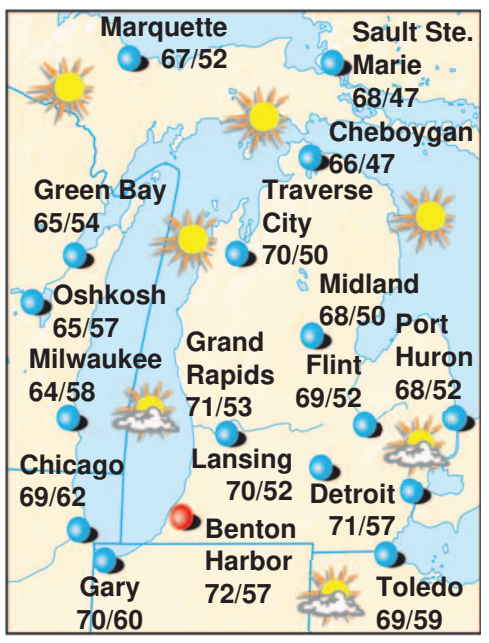
Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 72°, humidity of 50%. East northeast wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 57°. East wind 8 mph. Saturday, skies will be cloudy with a 60% chance of showers, high of 76°, humidity of 67%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:22 a.m.
Sunset	8:01 p.m.
Moonrise	12:41 a.m.
Moonset	4:23 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
9/17	9/23	10/1	10/9

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	69°
Low	60°
Normal High	76°
Normal Low	55°
Record High	97° in 2013
Record Low	44° in 1998

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.87"
Normal for month	1.25"
Year to date	27.69"
Normal Year to date	26.79"

Air Quality

Yesterday	32
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

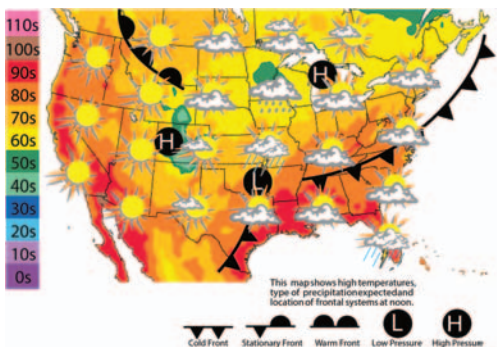
Weather Trivia

Where did the word tornado come from?

Answer: The Spanish word tronada.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 11, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, E wind 8 to 12 kt. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 72 degrees. Tonight, ESE wind 10 to 12 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 60s and 70s. Southeast wind 5 mph. Expect cloudy skies Saturday with widespread showers, highs in the 60s. Southeast wind 7 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 60s and 70s. East northeast wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with scattered showers, highs in the 70s. South southeast wind 7 to 10 mph.

Does my employer have to say if a coworker has the virus?

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Employers are generally not required to tell workers when someone in the workplace has tested positive for the coronavirus.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that companies monitor employees for symptoms and alert those who may have been in contact with an infected person. Some states may order businesses to follow such guidance.

Employers have the right to take employees' temperature and ask about symptoms or if they have been exposed to or diagnosed with the virus. If an employee doesn't respond to those questions, they can be barred from the workplace.

Businesses are required to provide a safe working environment. They also have to keep track of infections contracted on the job and report any hospitalizations or deaths related to the disease to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Some workers are unsettled by the lack of information. Amazon, for example, alerted warehouse workers when someone tested positive for the virus, but didn't disclose a tally of how many workers tested positive. So workers began trying to keep track on their own.

There are also pending lawsuits against employers filed by workers who were exposed to or diagnosed with the coronavirus. In general, there's a high legal bar for finding an employer at fault for endangering employees and most claims are resolved via worker's compensation settlements. There has also been some debate over whether Congress should grant businesses liability protections during the pandemic.

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from a new book by Washington Post journalist Bob Woodward. In a series of interviews with Woodward, the president spoke frankly about the dangers posed by the virus – even as he downplayed them publicly – and admitted he had tried to mislead the public.

"Donald Trump knew all along just how deadly this virus is," Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden said in a virtual fundraiser. "He knew and purposefully played it down because all he was concerned about was his reelection, didn't want to affect economic growth."

But Trump, answering questions at the White House, insisted "there was no lie" in his ofte-dismissive public comments and said he was only tying to project calm. He pointed to steps he had taken, including implementing travel restrictions, but said, "That doesn't mean I'm going to jump up and down in the air and start saying, 'People are going to die, people are going to die.'"

But Trump seemed to have no issue leaning into fear at his evening rally, as he lobbed unsubstantiated accusations at Biden and Democrats, including charging that they want to shut down auto plants – despite the Obama administration's work to save the industry – and "delay" the production of coronavirus vaccine. Biden, he claimed, would terminate travel bans Trump has implemented, overwhelming the state "with poorly vetted migrants from jihadist regions" and refugees "from terrorist hot spots around the world."

And he continued his racially charged appeal to suburban voters who turned to Democrats during the 2018 midterms, warning that under a Biden administration, "far left lunatics" would be placed in charge of the federal government and courts and American suburbs would be destroyed.

"Does anyone want to have a member of antifa as a resident of your suburb? I don't think so," Trump declared, telling his supporters, "Your vote will save America."

Trump has resumed an aggressive campaign schedule, despite the ongoing pandemic and amid growing resistance from local leaders who have expressed alarm at his insistence on holding large-scale rallies as Americans continue to get sick and die.

While the rallies so far have been held in open-air airport hangars, they have been drawing thousands of supporters despite local restrictions. And the majority of attendees, including in Michigan, have refused to wear masks, even when mandates are in place.

Trump has characterized the rallies as "peaceful protests" and White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany said attendees were exercising their First Amendment rights.

This week, the state of Nevada became the first to scuttle his plans for rallies initially set for Las Vegas and Reno, after the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority warned a company that planned to host 5,000 people at a private hangar that it would be in violation of the governor's restrictions banning gatherings of more than 50 people and the terms of the company's lease for the hangar.

"Outrageous!" tweeted Adam Laxalt, Trump's Nevada campaign co-chair, in response.

In Michigan, Gov. Whitmer did not try to stop the rally, but warned that such events "threaten all that sacrifice that we've made."

"If the rallies are like those he's held in recent days in other states, with lots of people close together without masks on projecting their voices, I'm concerned about it," she said at a news conference Thursday morning.

Michigan currently caps outdoor events at 100 people and mandates that attendees wear masks if they cannot consistently stay 6 feet away from people who are not part of their households. There is an exception, though, which states that nothing in the order can "abridge protections guaranteed by the state or federal constitution under these emergency circumstances."

Michigan is a vital Electoral College battleground, which Trump won by only 10,704 votes in 2016, helping him breach the Democrats' "blue wall." While Trump aides had all but written off the state earlier this summer, they now say they have seen a tightening in recent weeks. But Democrats see optimism, too, having made major gains there in the 2018 midterms, winning every major statewide office and a handful of congressional seats as well.

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sand or the pier," Hosier told council members, alluding to her decision to close South Beach on Sunday and Monday due to the presumed drowning and the ongoing hazardous lake and pier conditions.

But just how the city can continue constantly monitoring the beach with limited financial resources and without incurring liability for people who ignore warnings, such as rip current signs and red flags, is the issue.

During the early 1990s, the city had gates installed across the piers to bar people from going on them during inclement weather, primarily during the spring, fall and winter months.

However, insurance carriers at the time warned lakeshore communities that the gates caused a liability issue, because people could end up going around or over the gates when the structures aren't monitored.

As a result, many municipalities opted to take down gates to the piers, which are owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Many leaders from lakeshore communities also opted to end lifeguard programs, again, due to liability issues, along with concern for the proper training of the guards and concern for their safety.

Because of concerns over the number of rescues of people washed off of the piers this summer, council member Chris Campbell suggested that the city step up measures to warn people to stay off the piers during hazardous weather.

"I'd like to see what other cities are doing regarding their piers," he said, suggesting that the city might consider installing pop-up signage on the city-owned sidewalk leading to the piers, to warn people to stay off the piers during high winds and waves.

"They (people who walk on the pier) just assume it's safe. There's people going out with strollers. Most people are just not informed."

Even though the city has taken steps to warn people of hazardous water conditions through signage and flags, Mayor Scott Smith noted that a number of beachgoers simply don't pay attention to them.

"I was fascinated to watch News 3 and people (who were interviewed) pleasantly unaware that if red flags are up that means danger and you could die. Red flags are there for a reason."

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first responders for hazard pay, plus reimburse public safety and public health workers for COVID-19 expenses.

"We anticipate that more dollars are coming," he said. "It is noted ... that should a second stimulus round hit, that even additional dollars will come."

Commissioner Bob Harrison said that what the state is doing is no surprise.

"This is part of the shell game the state is playing to balance the current year budget and push some stuff off into next year," he said.

Dissette said he wanted to bring commissioners up to speed over what is happening with revenue sharing from the state as they prepare to hold budget hearings next week, for the 2021 budget year.

The hearings will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. The budget is expected to be further discussed during the county's finance committee meeting at 9 a.m. Sept. 17, followed by the commissioners' weekly meeting at 10:30 a.m.

County commission meetings can be watched on YouTube on the County of Berrien page.

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indicators.

After October, Gustafson said there are still a few red flags to consider.

With the weather getting colder, he said Southwest Michigan is expected to see the usual job losses as seasonal jobs fade with the tourism season.

"This region had a great summer and a great end to Q3," Gustafson said. "But there is still plenty of progress to go."

Manufacturing and consumers

Strangely enough, Gustafson said there's probably no better time to be entering the work force – especially if it's in the manufacturing or hospitality sectors.

"The numbers are unusual there," he said. "Manufacturing took a 10 percent hit on the labor force after COVID, and they're still building back. But we think manufacturing is a really resilient field. What we have seen is manufacturers are starting to hire again."

According to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, manufacturing has been the second-hardest hit sector in Southwest Michigan in terms of total job declines – only behind leisure and hospitality.

Gustafson said consumer-spending trends were particularly eye-opening this summer, as the region saw a 20 percent growth in consumer spending across the leisure and hospitality sector.

"That's great news. When we last spoke, we were concerned that if you looked at overall trends in previous years, we were down by about a third," Gustafson said. "By the end of summer, that started to even out."

Bumpy road ahead

Southwest Michigan didn't experience a normal year of economic growth.

For this reason, Gustafson said when the slow part of the year, coming up, hits for most businesses, the lack of revenue from this past spring and early part of the summer will create a boomerang effect.

This effect will be felt hardest during the first quarter of 2021.

"Our suspicion is there will be a lot of small businesses in the retail and hospitality sector that are going to need (financial) assistance again," he said. "This recent spike of activity is great and has helped keep them afloat as a viable business. But you can't undo almost two quarters of no economic activity. For these folks that built up a cushion to take them through lean times, we're going to see a second period of difficult operating times for small businesses."

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